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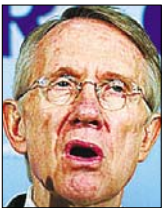
WASHINGTON | Nervous Senate Republicans beseeched the White House without apparent success Wednesday for a quick change in course on Iraq as congressional Democrats insisted on high-profile votes calling for the withdrawal of U.S. troops by spring.

Prospects for a less-sweeping, bipartisan challenge to President Bush suffered a setback when Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., said the leading proposal has "less teeth than a toothless tiger."

Taken together, the events pointed toward a 10-day period of politically charged maneuvering in the Senate in which Democrats push for a withdrawal, the White House's allies resist, and a small but growing collection of Republicans — most of them facing re-election in 2008 — is caught in the middle.

"I'm hopeful they [White House officials] change their minds," said Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M.

There was no evidence of that. Bush, one



Reid

day after ruling out talk of any shift in strategy before fall, met at the White House with Sens. John McCain, R-Ariz., and Lindsey Graham, R-S.C. Both lawmakers emerged saying the administration's troop buildup had produced progress and deserved a chance to work, at least until Gen. David Petraeus, the top commander in Iraq, produces a widely anticipated report on the war in September. DAVID ESPO (AP)

D.C., Nats Celebrate New Stadium's Milestone



**STEEL STANDING:** Nationals owner Mark Lerner signs the final steel beam for the team's new ballpark in Southeast D.C. on Wednesday. The beam was set to be hoisted into place at the end of the afternoon topping ceremony, but rain delayed the lift. ♦ **Notes:** Workers leave their marks on beam | Page 11

**OOPS | Time Flew** An eager wedding guest arrived in Cardiff, Wales, from Toronto — 3,500 miles apart — only to find he was a year early, London's Daily Mail reported. Dave Barclay said his friend told him he'd be getting married on July 6. Though he never



got an invitation or more details, he bought his plane ticket and set out for Cardiff. When he called his pal to find out the location, his mistake was realized and everyone had a good laugh, especially the surprised groom. (EXPRESS) **EyeOpeners** | Page 2



# eyeOpeners

## SPIES

## Hopkins, Minn., FOX Informant Paid Well For His Betrayal

FOX has given a stern warning to a small Minnesota town that adopted some aspects of "American Idol" for a local talent show, WCCO-TV reported. The banners announcing "Hopkins Idol," part of the Hopkins Raspberry Festival, sported a logo the network felt was too close to the real "Idol." Plus, FOX expressed displeasure that the organizers of the festival were charging admission and using judges. "We're going to change the logo so Simon won't have his undies in a bundle," event organizer Pete L'Allier, told WCCO-TV. (EXPRESS)



## FAKE

## Also, the Ticket Was Written With a Crayon

There were flashing lights atop his SUV and what appeared to be a police badge in his hand, but the man he tried to pull over was the real police detective. Robert Lane, 25, was arrested Tuesday on charges of criminal impersonation and aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, Suffolk County, N.Y., police said. Lane was driving an SUV fitted with flashing lights when he tried to stop the off-duty New York police detective. Lane said the detective had cut him off. The detective got suspicious when Lane drove up alongside him, identified himself as an officer and flashed a small police badge. (AP)



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## DEATH

## Ooze in Peace

A squid as long as a bus and weighing 550 pounds washed up on an Australian beach. "It is a whopper," said zoologist Gene For Walker-Smith. Giant squid live in waters off southern Australia and New Zealand, where a half-ton colossus, believed to be the world's largest, was caught in February. The dead squid, measuring 26 feet from the tip of its body to the end of its tentacles, was found early Wednesday. (AP)



## LAW

## Unintellectual Property Dispute

A Houston woman is suing a former high school classmate who took her name and starred in pornographic movies. Kristen Syvette Wimberly, 25, is asking that Lara Madden and Vivid Entertainment Group stop using her name, which Madden took as a stage name. The two met in ninth grade at Kingwood High School. According to the lawsuit, they "were friends, but eventually that friendship ended due to conflict." Madden, 25, began her adult-film career in 2004 and has appeared in about a dozen adult films using the name Syvette Wimberly. (AP)

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## Nation

## Document: Al-Qaeda Has Rebuilt

Analysts say group has reached strength not seen since 2001

WASHINGTON | U.S. intelligence analysts have concluded al-Qaeda has rebuilt its operating capability to a level not seen since just before the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, The Associated Press has learned.

The conclusion suggests that the group has been able to rebuild despite nearly six years of bombings, war and other tactics aimed at crippling it.

A counterterrorism official familiar with a five-page summary of the new government threat assessment called it a stark appraisal that will be discussed at the White House on Thursday.

Al-Qaeda is "considerably operationally stronger than a year ago" and has "regrouped to an extent not seen since 2001," the official said, paraphrasing the report's conclusions. "They are showing greater and greater ability to plan attacks in Europe and the United States."

A senior intelligence official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the document has been in the works for roughly two years. (AP)

**Assessing al-Qaeda:** For more on the intelligence estimate and its ramifications, visit [washingtonpost.com](http://washingtonpost.com).

## Bush Tells Miers to Defy Summons

Congress may issue contempt citations against former aides

WASHINGTON | President Bush ordered former counsel Harriet Miers to defy a congressional summons, even as a second former aide, Sara Taylor, revealed new details Wednesday about administration dismissals of federal prosecutors.

Contempt citations from Congress against both women were a possibility.

House Democrats threatened to cite Miers if she refused to appear as subpoenaed for a Judiciary Committee hearing on Thursday. The White House said she was immune to the subpoena and Bush had directed her not to appear, according to Miers' lawyer.



Former White House aides Sara Taylor, above, and Harriet Miers are caught in a legal struggle between Congress and the White House over executive power.

Across the Capitol, meanwhile, former White House political director Sara Taylor found out what Miers may already have known: It's almost impossible to answer some committee questions but not others without breaching either the subpoena or Bush's claim of executive privilege.

Taylor, eager to exhibit a willingness to answer questions, revealed some details behind the firings.

"I did not speak to the president about removing U.S. attorneys," she said under stern questioning by Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt. "I did not attend any meetings with the president where that matter was discussed."

When asked more broadly whether Bush was involved in any way in the firings, Taylor said, "I don't have any knowledge that he was." LAURIE KELLMAN (AP)

## Lady Bird Johnson Dies at Age 94

Ex-first lady was best known for promoting conservation efforts

AUSTIN, TEXAS | Lady Bird Johnson, the former first lady who championed conservation and worked tenaciously for the political career of her husband, Lyndon B. Johnson, died Wednesday, a family spokeswoman said. She was 94.

Johnson, who suffered a stroke in 2002 that affected her ability to



Lady Bird Johnson with then-Sen. Lyndon Johnson in Washington in 1956.

speak, died at her Austin home of natural causes and was surrounded by family and friends, said spokeswoman Elizabeth Christian.

As first lady, she was perhaps best known as the determined environmentalist who wanted roadside billboards and junkyards replaced with trees and wildflowers. The \$320 million Highway Beautification Bill, passed in 1965, was known as "The Lady Bird Bill," and she made speeches and lobbied Congress to win its passage.

Johnson once turned down a class valedictorian's medal because of her fear of public speaking, but she joined in every one of her husband's campaigns.

She said her husband "bullied, shoved, pushed and loved me into being more outgoing, more of an achiever. I gave him comfort, tenderness and some judgment — at least I think I did."

Johnson received her nickname in infancy from a caretaker nurse who said she was as "pretty as a lady bird." She disliked it, but said later, "I made my peace with it."

KELLEY SHANNON (AP)

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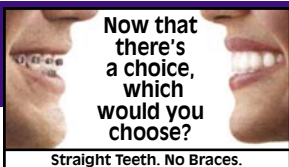
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# Nixon Library Turned Over

## National Archives takes control of facility and scraps old exhibits

YORBA LINDA, CALIF. | The privately operated Richard Nixon Library and Birthplace is now under federal control, and researchers can pore over documents and tapes detailing “the good, the bad and the ugly.”

“This is a great day for history. The hallmark of this new institution will be true acceptance and love for history — the good, the bad and the ugly,” said Timothy Naftali, the museum’s new federal director. “We are moving past the tribal squabble.”

Transition to federal control ushers the black sheep of presidential libraries into the fold of the prestigious National Archives.

With the stamp of the federal system on the library comes a major makeover for certain less-than-accurate exhibits. Naftali recently oversaw the demolition of the revisionist Watergate gal-



President Richard Nixon is seen on a TV monitor at the Richard Nixon Library and Birthplace in Yorba Linda, Calif., which is now controlled by the National Archives.

lery, including a section that said the scandal was a coup plotted by Democrats. The museum also told visitors that the infamous 18 1/2 minute gap in one important White House tape was because of a mechanical malfunction.

“No serious historian believes

in that,” said David Greenberg, a professor at Rutgers University. “It’s not only not true; it’s the opposite of truth. There was a lot along those lines in the library, which was not a matter of interpretation, but was flat wrong, a lie.”

GILLIAN FLACCUS (AP)

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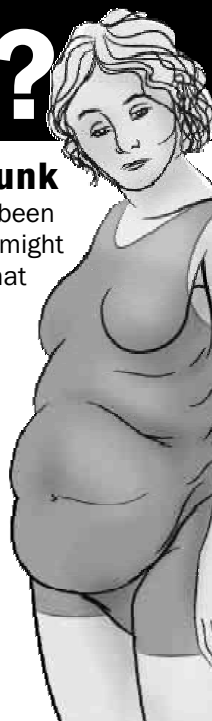
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# Nation



**DISENFRANCHISED:** A dog has been taken off the voter rolls in King County, Wash., after receiving absentee ballots for three elections, officials said. Jane K. Balogh says she registered the dog under the name Duncan M. McDonald to protest lax voting laws.

## Bomb-Collar Plot Called Conspiracy

**Authorities: Explosion victim was actually part of robbery scheme**

ERIE, PA. | A pizza deliveryman who robbed a bank and was killed when the bomb around his neck exploded was not a hostage — he was a conspirator in the plot, federal authorities said Wednesday.

The deliveryman, Brian Wells, 46, had told police before the bomb exploded in August 2003 that he was an innocent victim and had been forced by gunmen to rob the bank.

However, in the indictments unsealed Wednesday, Wells is named as a co-conspirator in the bizarre case. Two other people, Marjorie Diehl-Armstrong and Kenneth E. Barnes, are charged with bank



In this file photo from 2003, FBI Agent Bob Rudge holds an image of the metal bomb-collar that detonated and killed Brian Wells after a bank robbery in Erie, Pa.

robbery, conspiracy and a firearms count.

Authorities said the plot was concocted so Diehl-Armstrong could pay

someone to kill her father.

Wells' brother John Wells was outraged by the indictment.

"Where is the evidence? There



Wells



Diehl-Armstrong

is no evidence. You cannot link a man when there is no evidence," John Wells said.

Diehl-Armstrong and Barnes are accused of contriving a series of notes to make Wells appear to be "merely a hostage," according to the indictments.

Their plan was to get the money from Wells in a way that, if he was caught, he could claim he was an unwilling participant, authorities said in court papers.

DAN NEPHIN (AP)

## House Approves Student Loan Bill

WASHINGTON | Legislation to lower interest rates on student loans and increase aid to poor people who want to go to college won House approval on Wednesday. The legislation would raise the maximum Pell grant from \$4,310 per year to \$5,200 per year by 2011. The interest rate on federally subsidized loans for low-income and middle-class students would be halved under the newly passed legislation. The rate would go from 6.8 percent to 3.4 percent over five years. The bill passed 273-149. (AP)



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## World

### In Brief



A judicial panel will review the verdict for the medical workers in the Libya trial.

#### TRIPOLI, LIBYA

#### Death Sentences Upheld For 6 Medics in HIV Trial

Libya's Supreme Court on Wednesday upheld the death sentences of five Bulgarian nurses and a Palestinian doctor convicted of infecting more than 400 children with the AIDS virus. But the verdict may not be the final word in the case. Libya's Supreme Judicial Council, which is headed by the minister of justice, could approve or reject the convictions or set lighter sentences. (AP)

#### ALGIERS, ALGERIA

#### Suicide Blast Kills 10 Troops In Attack on Military Base

A suicide bomber blew up a refrigerated truck packed with explosives inside a military encampment southeast of the Algerian capital Wednesday, killing 10 soldiers and wounding up to 35, a security official said. Al-Qaeda in Islamic North Africa claimed responsibility for the attack, the Al-Jazeera TV network reported. The blast was the biggest in Algeria since suicide bombings in April that killed 30 people. (AP)

#### BEIRUT, LEBANON

#### Civilians Flee Refugee Camp Amid Fears of New Clashes

More than 150 civilians fled from a Palestinian refugee camp in northern Lebanon on Wednesday as soldiers ringing the neighborhood moved up tanks and armored vehicles for a possible showdown with Islamic militants barricaded inside. The army build-up came after a sniper inside the Nahr el-Bared camp killed a Lebanese soldier overnight, following repeated refusals by the Fatah Islam group to surrender. (AP)

# Tensions High After Mosque Siege

## Al-Qaeda's al-Zawahri urges holy war against Musharraf's leadership

ISLAMABAD, PAKISTAN | President Gen. Pervez Musharraf's government warned Wednesday it would not tolerate militancy at any of Pakistan's thousands of religious schools after the army subdued Islamic extremists holding the Red Mosque. At least 106 people died in the weeklong siege and

street battles.

Hours later, al-Qaeda's No. 2 released a videotape calling on Pakistanis to join a holy war against Musharraf's government to avenge the army assault.

"Rigged elections will not save you, politics will not save you, and bargaining, bootlicking negotiations with the criminals and political maneuvers will not save you," Ayman al-Zawahri said in the video.

Authorities said at least 106 people were killed overall in the violence

that began July 3 at the Red Mosque complex, which includes two schools — one for girls and one for boys.

Among the dead was a pro-Taliban cleric, Abdul Rashid Ghazi. Seventy-three bodies — believed to be those of the mosque's die-hard defenders — were found by Pakistani troops clearing the sprawling mosque complex of mines, booby traps and other weaponry.

Prime Minister Shaukat Aziz warned the government would act against any other madrassa found

### A Widening Struggle

→ The end of the Red Mosque siege wrapped up a remarkably bloody nine days for Islamabad, which has largely avoided extremist violence. | **Today, A Section**

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to be involved in militancy.

"Militancy cannot be promoted, period," he told reporters. "The law will take its course, as the law took its course here." SADAQAT JAN (AP)



**FIRE UP:** A Nigerian man collects firewood for cooking near a burning Shell oil pipeline near the oil-rich city of Port Harcourt.

# Ransoms Fuel Nigerian Kidnappings

## Foreign oil workers known as 'white gold' in poor, lawless south

LAGOS, NIGERIA | Foreign oil workers are known in Nigeria's oil-rich south as "white gold" among the gangs that kidnap them.

They have seized more than 150 foreigners this year, including a just-freed 3-year-old British girl. That's nearly as many abductions as all of 2006, a kidnapping epidemic that has helped cut output in Africa's largest oil nation by a quarter.

"Ah, the whites are coming," one

young gang member told a reporter as a heavily guarded oil company convoy sped through the oil city of Port Harcourt. "It's like the vans for ice creams in your country."

ASI Global Response now rates Nigeria as second only to Iraq as the country with the greatest risk of kidnapping for foreign workers.

The desire for ransom fuels the kidnappings, gang members and oil industry officials say. They claim a cut goes to the government officials who shuttle between rifle-toting gunmen in the swamps and professional negotiators flown in from Paris or London.

"Absolutely not true," Rivers state government spokesman Emmanuel Okah said this week.

Company officials refuse to discuss ransoms for fear of alienating powerful local interests. Released hostages fear retribution from former captors or losing their jobs if they talk to journalists.

The root causes behind the kidnappings — poverty, corruption and lawlessness — must be tackled first, said Dimieari von Kemedi, a human rights lawyer working in the Niger Delta. "A time may come when anyone wearing a tie is a target," he warned. KATHARINE HOURELD (AP)

# Life Terms For Britain Plotters

## 2 other suspects will be retried after jury fails to reach verdict

LONDON | A British judge sentenced four al-Qaeda-inspired bomb plotters to life in prison Wednesday for their "very nearly successful attempt at mass murder" on London's transit system in 2005, two weeks after suicide bombers killed 52 commuters in the city.

Muktar Said Ibrahim, 29; Yassin Omar, 26; Ramzi Mohammed, 25; and Hussain Osman, 28, must spend at least 40 years in jail before becoming eligible for parole, Judge Adrian Fulford said. On Monday, a jury convicted the men of conspiracy to murder for trying to detonate explosives-filled knapsacks on three subway trains and a bus.

Two other suspects, Manfo Kwaku Asiedu, 34, and Adel Yahya, 24, will be retried; the jury failed to reach a verdict against them.

Prime Minister Gordon Brown said he was investigating why Ibrahim, the group's leader, was allowed to travel to Pakistan — where prosecutors believe he underwent terrorist training — even though he was due in court on a charge of using threatening and abusive behavior while distributing extremist literature. (AP)



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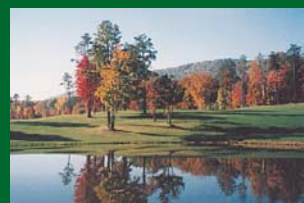
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**OLD SCHOOL:** More than 20 percent of Japan's population are 65 or older, the highest rate among 37 nations with populations of more than 30 million, according to a government report highlighting concerns about Japan's rapidly aging population.

## World

### Report: N. Korea Orders Closure Of Karaoke Bars

SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA | North Korea has ordered the closure of karaoke bars in an apparent attempt to stem outside influences on the isolated communist country, a South Korean civic group said Wednesday.

Separately, the North's Ministry of People's Security conducted house-to-house overnight inspections in areas near the border with China earlier this month to search for cell phones and illegal video CDs, the Good Friends aid agency said in a newsletter.

The ministry said in a directive last week that the move against karaoke outlets was a "mopping-up operation to prevent the ideological and cultural permeation of anti-socialism," according to the aid group. (AP)

# 200 Explosive Belts Seized in Iraq

## Discovery along Syrian border casts focus on flow of foreign fighters

BAGHDAD | Iraqi security forces seized 200 explosive belts along the Syrian border Wednesday, a police spokesman said, reinforcing Baghdad's claims that its western neighbor isn't doing enough to stop the flow of fighters and weapons to al-Qaeda in Iraq.

The belts were found during a search of a truck that had crossed into Iraq from Syria at the Waleed border station, Interior Ministry spokesman Maj. Gen. Abdul-Karim Khalaf said.

"When the truck was searched, 200 explosives belts were found in it," the general said.

Iraqi and U.S. authorities have



**DANGER ZONE:** An Iraqi boy inspects the wreckage of a truck allegedly targeted in a military airstrike on the outskirts of the Sadr City area of Baghdad Wednesday.

long complained that Syria is not doing enough to stem the flow of weapons and foreign fighters into

Iraq. Syria insists it is trying to stop the flow but that it is impossible to seal off the long desert border.

But U.S. military spokesman Brig. Gen. Kevin Bergner told reporters that 60 to 80 foreign fighters enter Iraq "in any given month" — 70 percent of them through Syria. He said up to 90 percent of the suicide attacks in Iraq were carried out by "foreign-born al-Qaeda terrorists."

Bergner did not offer detailed evidence to support the claim.

Elsewhere in Iraq Wednesday, insurgents drove to a house in the Anbar town of Karmah, locked the occupants inside, and blew up the house, Iraqi police and U.S. military officials said. Eleven people were killed.

The house was owned by a member of the Provincial Security Forces organized to protect towns and villages against extremists, the U.S. military said. ROBERT H. REID (AP)

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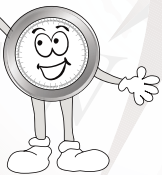


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## Money

# AOL Settles Suit for \$3M

## Internet service will reform cancellation policies to end dispute

SAN FRANCISCO | Averting a looming court battle over how it has been handling the exodus from its Internet dial-up service, AOL has agreed to make it easier for its remaining customers to leave as part of a \$3 million settlement with 48 states and the District of Columbia.

The resolution announced Wednesday was driven by a deluge of complaints from AOL customers who said they tried to close their accounts, only to be thwarted in their attempts or to discover they were still being billed for services that they thought had been canceled.

The outcry triggered a multistate investigation that would have culminated in a lawsuit if AOL hadn't agreed to ante up and to change its ways, said David Tiede, a deputy attorney general in California.

AOL, the Internet division of Time Warner Inc., didn't acknowledge any wrongdoing in the settlement. The Dulles, Va., company said the probe involved a tiny fraction of the cancellation requests that it has fielded through the years.

As part of the settlement, AOL agreed to maintain an online channel to process customer cancellations, which it set up last August. AOL had previously required customers to make their cancellation requests by fax, mail or telephone.

Subscribers who phoned AOL to cancel their service sometimes were greeted by aggressive customer service representatives who were paid bonuses of up to \$3,000 if they found a way to retain the business, according to the multistate settlement.

The settlement requires AOL to issue refunds to consumers who can show they were still charged monthly fees after trying to cancel. AOL's fees currently range from \$9.95 to \$25.90 per month.

The \$3 million settlement will be divided among the 48 states and the District of Columbia to cover the costs of their inquiry into AOL's practices and finance other consumer protection efforts.

MICHAEL LIEDTKE (AP)

## Gas Prices Rise as Refineries Close

NEW YORK | Gas prices jumped 2.5 cents overnight as the closure of two refineries in the Midwest continued to curb gasoline supplies in the Midwest and Plains states.

Oil and gasoline futures, meanwhile, settled lower after an inventory report presented a mixed picture of the domestic refining industry.

"The market is just trying to find its way right now," said Stephen Schork, an oil analyst and



Pump prices jumped 2.5 cents, pushing the national average to \$3 per gallon.

trader in Villanova, Pa.

The closure of a refinery in Coffeyville, Kan., due to flooding and the shutdown of a huge piece of oil processing equipment at a BP PLC refinery in Whiting, Ind., have pushed gas prices in the center of the country higher in recent days, analysts say.

At the pump, prices jumped another 2.5 cents overnight to a national average of \$3 per gallon, according to AAA and the Oil Price Information Service. (AP)

## Market Action

### New York Stock Exchange

#### Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
RockTen	36.60	+4.02	+12.3
AZZ Inc s	39.39	+2.81	+7.7
NtwkEq	10.84	+7.76	+7.5
IntcntlEx	167.07	+11.34	+7.3
Thai	14.05	+8.84	+6.4

#### Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
AmHmMtg	15.15	-2.12	-12.3
TOUSA	2.91	-.34	-10.5
SLM Cp	52.15	-5.65	-9.8
Gotchk	11.15	-.93	-7.7
Gerdau g	14.51	-1.18	-7.5

### NASDAQ Stock Market

#### Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
SBE rs	7.94	+5.09	+178.6
BostnCm lf	3.40	+1.41	+70.9
NBrunS	11.16	+3.13	+39.0
Amtech	12.07	+2.07	+20.7
Iomai	1.75	-.02	-1.1

#### Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Vtllmgs	20.68	-5.79	-21.9
Compwure	9.70	-2.47	-20.3
RioVistE h	14.25	-3.28	-18.7
Flanders	6.95	-1.02	-12.8
MercBank	23.20	-2.91	-11.1

### Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	8.25	8.25
Fed Funds close	5.23	5.20
3-month disc	4.81	4.82
2-year	4.87	4.88
10-year	5.07	5.04
30-year	5.18	5.14

### Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.4918	.4934	.5418
Canadian Dollar	1.0554	1.0512	1.1313
European Euro	.7267	.7284	.7830
Japanese Yen	122.04	122.03	114.11
Mexican Peso	10.8223	10.8142	11.0032
Taiwanese Dollar	32.84	32.86	32.43

DOW NASDAQ S&P 500

	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
DOW	+76.17	+0.56
NASDAQ	+12.63	+0.48
S&P 500	+8.64	+0.57

### Bank Stocks

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
AustNZ	124.00	-2.70	+11.2
BcoSnCH	19.04	+.23	+2.0
BkofAm	48.51	+.15	-9.1
BkNova g	48.78	-.32	+8.9
Citigrp	51.41	+.41	-7.7
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TorDBk g	68.46	-.62	+16.0
UBS AG	60.29	+.31	-.1
US Bancrp	32.73	-.11	-9.6
Wachovia	51.09	+.53	-10.3
WA Mutl	42.24	+.13	-7.1
WellsFgo s	34.92	+.48	-1.8



**PHOTO OP:** A controversial public-private agreement between developers and the city of Rockville that prevented residents from being able to take pictures in front of certain downtown buildings, has been repealed according to WTOP.



## Local

## Amtrak: No Shortening Trip to N.Y.

WASHINGTON | Even if it spent \$7 billion on track upgrades, Amtrak couldn't reduce the travel time between Washington and New York to less than 2 hours, 20 minutes, which is only 25 minutes less than the trip now takes, the company's president told Congress on Wednesday.

The statement by Alex Kummant came during a presentation on the federally funded railroad's capital needs. During the hearing, members of the House transportation committee expressed frustration about the lack of truly high-speed rail service in the U.S.

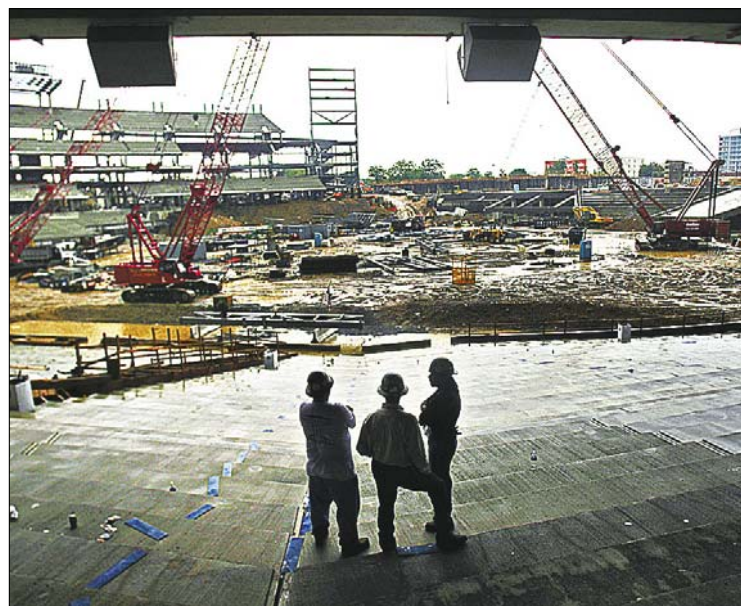
The Washington-New York segment takes 2 hours and 45 minutes on the Acela. Investing \$625 million in upgrades would allow Amtrak to reduce that time to 2½ hours. A full overhaul, including several new tunnels and bridges, would cost \$7 billion, but even that would only achieve a trip time of 2 hours, 20 minutes, with an average speed of 97 mph. (AP)

## Soggy Milestone for Nats' Stadium

Rain delays ceremonial raising of the ballpark's last structural support

WASHINGTON | There are 3,500 pieces of steel at the future home of the Washington Nationals. But only one is covered with artwork, notes and signatures the final beam to be put in place by construction workers.

Scores of workers signed the beam yesterday. Most were content to write their names, and some added in their unions. But one had the nerve to write "Go Pirates," in honor of a National League opponent. Another left a message in Spanish that said, "Making a Difference." Several others wrote tributes to a co-worker who died in a motorcycle accident last week.



Mike Davis, left, Jimmy Kepple, middle, and Nino Rocha, right, of Bosworth Steel wait under a covered area at the new Washington Nationals stadium.

The event, known as a topping ceremony, celebrated a milestone for the \$611 million ballpark near the Navy Yard and South Capitol Street in Southeast Washington.

The plans called for hoisting the piece into place at the end of the festivities. But an afternoon storm dampened more than the dirt in the future field of the stadium. There was too much lightning, officials said, to safely lift the beam.

"This is the first rain delay at the new stadium," quipped D.C. Council member Jack Evans, one of numerous officials at the event. Mayor Adrian M. Fenty was there, along with Stan Kasten, president of the Nationals, and representatives from Clark/Hunt/Smoot, the joint venture building the stadium. ASHLEE CLARK (THE WASHINGTON POST)

## 'Wig Lady' Gets 5 Years in Prison

GREENBELT, MD. | A woman who was part of a ring that donned wigs to impersonate bank customers to drain their accounts was sentenced Wednesday in federal court to more than five years in prison.

Jacqueline Elaine Belim, 47, pleaded guilty to bank fraud and aggravated identity theft. Along with a 61-month prison term, a U.S. District Judge ordered Belim to pay \$16,500 in restitution. (AP)

## Ex-Terps Star to Plead Guilty to Gun Charge

CHEVY CHASE, MD. | Former NBA player and University of Maryland basketball star Lonny Baxter will plead guilty next week to a federal charge that he broke the law when he shipped guns from Texas to Maryland last year, his attorney said Wednesday.

Baxter, 28, of Rockville, was charged in U.S. District Court in Greenbelt Wednesday with using Federal Express to deliver four guns to College Park on July 4, 2006, without notifying the carrier that the package contained fire-

arms. Under federal law, the crime is punishable by up to five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

The package allegedly held two Glock handguns along with another pistol and a Bushmaster rifle.

Baxter's attorney, Richard Finci, said the charge is related to the case against Baxter last year in which he was sentenced to two months in prison for firing a handgun into the air in celebration near the White House on Aug. 16.

Baxter also pleaded guilty in that case. (AP)

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Mid-day Pick 4	6-0-1-1
Evening Pick 4 (Tues.)	0-3-7-6
Match 5 (Tues.)	6-9-13-21-25 Bonus: 23
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Evening Pick 3 (Tues.)	0-1-5
Mid-day Pick 4 (Wed.)	8-7-2-6

Evening Pick 4 (Tues.)	3-8-2-7
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"I was asked if I would consider pardoning 'Shoeless' Joe Jackson, and the answer is yes. I'll consider it 'if Scooter' Libby can get off the hook."

—New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson, who visited the "Field of Dreams" movie site in Iowa on Wednesday.



## Sports



Detroit was able to keep point guard Chauncey Billups with a five-year deal.

## For \$60M, Billups Still A Piston

**NBA** | The Detroit Pistons retained the face and point guard of their franchise, one year after losing a leader in free agency.

Chauncey Billups signed a \$60 million, five-year contract Wednesday with the Pistons, returning to the team he helped reach five straight conference finals. The contract is worth \$46 million guaranteed over four years and includes a team option for the fifth year.

Pistons president of basketball operations Joe Dumars said he was "very pleased" to have Billups back.

On the first day NBA teams can officially sign free agents, Rashard Lewis was sent to Orlando in a sign-and-trade after nine years in Seattle, and Grant Hill went to the desert looking for an NBA title. Lewis' contract is worth about \$110 million over six years, and Hill will be paid \$3.8 million for two years. (AP)

# Buzzword for O's: Disappointment

First half of the season is easy to sum up for fourth-place Baltimore

**ORIOLES** | If the objective was to sum up the first half of the Baltimore Orioles' 2007 season in 30 words or fewer, Kevin Millar would have won a prize.

"We played well at times; we played terrible at times. We had a manager fired," the first baseman said. "It was one of those first halves you want to forget about."

If only they could.

The Orioles left spring training camp hopeful they could end a franchise-record run of nine straight losing seasons. They reached the All-Star break with a 38-49 record and in fourth place in the AL East, 15 games behind the division-leading Boston Red Sox.

Betrayed by a punchless offense



Tom Trebelhorn, left, and Kevin Millar, right, congratulate Dave Trembley on winning.

and an ineffective bullpen, the Orioles went 8-18 in one-run games and lost 10 times when leading after seven innings.

"We had a lot of games we should have won but lost," third baseman Melvin Mora said.

The only cause for optimism is

that the Orioles have played .500 ball under interim manager Dave Trembley, who replaced manager Sam Perlozzo after a 1-8 home stand dropped the Orioles' record to 29-40.

**"We know one thing about this year: We hired the right manager."**

Nationals GM Jim Bowden says Manny Acta has been perfect for this team. | **Today's Post, Sports**

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When asked what the Orioles can accomplish in the second half of the season, Trembley said, "I see the team laying the groundwork for the future. I see the team doing the things necessary in order to win, playing the game the way it's supposed to be played and winning back the fans here in Baltimore."

DAVID GINSBURG (AP)

## Sooners Lose Scholarships, Records

Oklahoma penalized for 'failure to monitor' athletes' employment

**COLLEGE FOOTBALL** | Oklahoma must erase its wins from the 2005 season and will lose two scholarships for the 2008-09 and 2009-10 school years, the NCAA said Wednesday.

The penalties stem from a case involving two players, including the

Sooners' starting quarterback, who were kicked off the team last August for being paid for work they had not performed at a Norman car dealership.

The NCAA said Oklahoma was guilty of a "failure to monitor" the employment of the players.



Stoops

Oklahoma President David Boren said the university will appeal the NCAA's "failure to monitor" finding.

Records from that season involving quarterback Rhett Bomar and offensive lineman J.D. Quinn must be erased, the NCAA said, and coach Bob Stoops' career record will be amended to reflect the erased wins, dropping it from 86-19 in eight seasons to 78-19.

Oklahoma also will have two years of probation added to an earlier penalty, extending the Sooners' probation to May 23, 2010.

Those sanctions are in addition to those already self-imposed by Oklahoma, which has banned athletes from working at the car dealership until at least the 2008-09 academic year and moved to prevent the athletes' supervisor at the dealership, Brad McRae, from being involved with the university's athletics program until at least August 2011. MURRAY EVANS (AP)



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**Not a Chance:** Infielder **FELIPE LOPEZ** has a pithy .645 OPS as he moves further and further away from his breakout 2005 season. With high strikeout numbers and an abysmal on base percentage, he is someone to avoid. Hitters are batting .321 against starter **JASON SIMONTACCHI**, a very high number that fits nicely with his 6.11 ERA and 1.58 WHIP. For every good start he's had, there have been three bad ones. Catcher **BRIAN SCHNEIDER** has slowly devolved from a decent hitter to a bad one. His power, while improved from last season, is way down from his career numbers. SCOTT ROSENBERG (EXPRESS)



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## Hushovd Wins Stage in Sprint Finish

Cancellara keeps Tour's overall lead for the fifth straight day

**CYCLING** | Thor Hushovd of Norway won the fourth stage of the Tour de France on Wednesday, and Swiss rider Fabian Cancellara kept the overall lead for the fifth straight day.

Hushovd won in a sprint at the end of the mostly flat 120-mile ride from Villers-Cotterets to Joigny.

"Everything took place superbly well," said Hushovd, who overcame an upset stomach to finish in 4 hours, 37 minutes, 47 seconds for his fifth Tour stage win. "I'm too happy."

"I was sure my form wasn't too bad," Hushovd said, adding that



Thor Hushovd won a sprint to the finish during the fourth stage of the Tour.

he was knocked off his best after a crash in Monday's second stage. He won the green jersey awarded to the

Tour's best sprinter in 2005.

Robert Hunter of South Africa was second, and Oscar Freire of Spain was third. They and the trailing peloton, which included Cancellara, finished with the same time as Hushovd.

Cancellara is the only rider to wear the race leader's yellow jersey this year. He won the prologue and the third stage but had four seconds cut off his overall lead on Wednesday, making it 29 seconds now.

Hushovd, who earned bonus time for Wednesday's stage win, cut 20 seconds off his deficit behind Cancellara and climbed from ninth to second. Andreas Kloeckner of Germany dropped to third, remaining 33 seconds behind.

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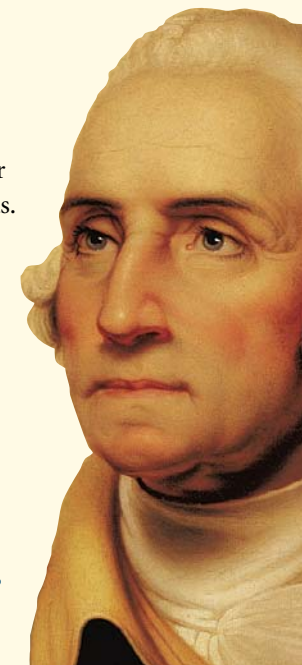
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## Sports

# One-Man Race for Giants

San Francisco isn't in the chase, but Bonds is closing in on Aaron

**BASEBALL** | Barry Bonds knows he's going to enjoy his home run chase much more if the San Francisco Giants start winning regularly.

For now, the slugger refuses to think about how he'll feel as he closes in on Hank Aaron's mark of 755. He's four away from tying Aaron heading into a three-game home series against the rival Los Angeles Dodgers starting Friday night.

Bonds acknowledges it still could take several weeks, or even more than a month. That means it might take until after his 43rd



Barry Bonds says it could take weeks or even months to hit five more homers.

birthday on July 24.

"I'm really not there yet. I think when you get to 54, I'll really feel

it," Bonds said during the All-Star festivities. "Then it just depends how many games are left. But I'm not quitting, so I might make you wait till next year. You know I'm drama, so why not make it more drama?"

Oh, the drama will certainly increase soon — as in lots of additional national media members who plan to join the traveling tour following Bonds. He last connected July 3 at Cincinnati, his 17th of the season.

After three games against the Dodgers, the Giants head to Chicago for a four-game series at Wrigley Field starting Monday followed by a three-game weekend series with the Brewers in Milwaukee. (AP)

## Duke's Finnerty Will Play at Loyola

**COLLEGE SPORTS** | Former Duke lacrosse player Collin Finnerty, cleared of false rape charges after being sidelined from the sport for more than a year, will transfer to Loyola of Maryland and play for the

Greyhounds next season.

"Now that I have made my college decision, my life is my own again," Finnerty said in a statement. "I loved Duke and will miss all my friends there, especially my

teammates and coaches."

Finnerty and fellow players Reade Seligmann and Dave Evans were indicted last spring. Evans graduated the day before he was indicted, but Seligmann and Finnerty were invited back once it became clear the case had no merit. (AP)

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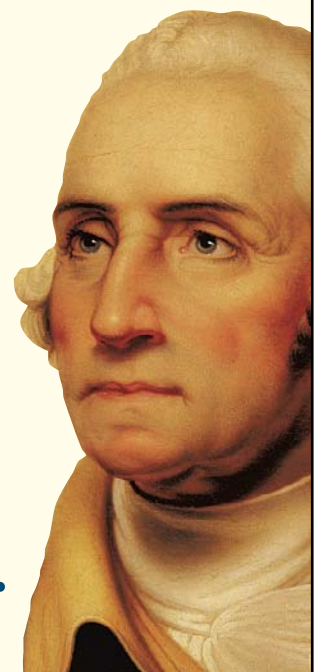
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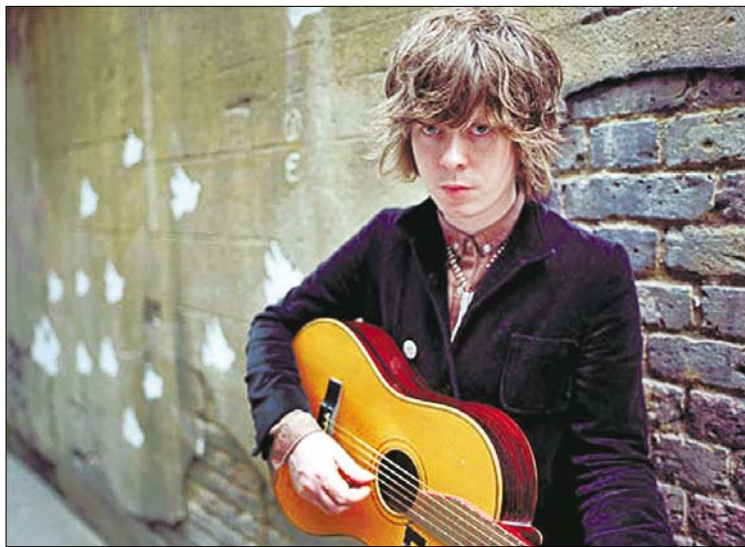
## Kiss Him, He's Talented

**Fionn Regan's album is rich with optimism, wisdom and poetry**

**MUSIC** | Young Irishman Fionn Regan may have titled his American debut "The End of History" (Lost Highway), but it's likely the beginning of a long career for this literary inclined singer-songwriter.

Regan's stripped-bare songs often feature little more than his finger-picked acoustic guitar and an occasional cello or piano, yet they teem with dazzling playing and sprightly reflections on love and life. His songs reach far beyond folk-pop clichés with a fresh attitude that embraces life with clear-eyed optimism rather than depressive self-pity. Even songs about turning points in relationships, such as the wondrous "Be Good or Be Gone," refuse to bow to anger or pain.

Regan has shot a video in an old library, and he regularly drops literary references into his songs: In "The Underwood Typewriter," he pairs changing the ribbon in



**BEYOND HIS YEARS:** The Irish singer-songwriter's first release in the U.S. is shockingly mature and has an easy-to-listen-to quality reminiscent of Bob Dylan.

a manual typewriter to watching his lover undress, with both coming across as favored repeated activities; and in "Put a Penny in the Slot," he begins by realizing he's accidentally brought home some of a friend's belongings, with a book being chief among them, and later includes author Paul Auster among

his rhymes.

These highbrow references don't come across as pompous or self-conscious. Instead, like many Irish poets before him, he's simply celebrating words and introspection as part of what's worth celebrating in a life well-lived.

MICHAEL MCCALL (AP)

## It's Faulks. Sebastian Faulks.

**Staying true to Ian Fleming's style, an author tackles Bond**

**MARTINI** | James Bond is back between the covers.

British novelist Sebastian Faulks has written a new Bond novel to mark the centenary of creator Ian Fleming's birth in 2008, Fleming's family announced Wednesday.

The new 007 adventure, "Devil May Care," will be published May 28 on what would have been Fleming's 100th birthday. The Fleming estate said the novel is set during the Cold War and involves espionage



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author's identity secret.

Speculation had centered on thriller writers including John LeCarre and Frederick Forsyth.

Faulks, 54, is best known for a trilogy of novels set in France — "The Girl at the Lion d'Or," the World War I saga "Birdsong" and "Charlotte Gray," a World War II Resistance story that was made into a movie starring Cate Blanchett.

Faulks said he was surprised but flattered to have been chosen.

"I put this down to three things: the sense of jeopardy Fleming creates about his solitary hero, a certain playfulness in the narrative details, and a crisp, journalistic style that hasn't dated," Faulks said.

Faulks said his book's style is "about 80 percent Fleming."

"I didn't go the final distance for fear of straying into pastiche, but I strictly observed his rules of chapter and sentence construction. My novel is meant to stand in the line of Fleming's own books, where the story is everything." JILL LAWLESS (AP)

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## Entertainment



**THE QUEEN'S DRAMA:** BBC America will air "Hotel Babylon" starting in August. Execs think it has stateside appeal because Aaron Spelling could have made it.

## Television Crossing The Pond

### Can American and British viewers watch the same TV shows?

**TELLY** | Britain and America share the same language, but does that mean their TV programs do, too?

Yes and no, said Garth Ancier, who's well-positioned to address the question. After serving as programming chief at three U.S. networks, Ancier is in charge of BBC America, which delivers British Broadcasting Corp. shows and news to 55 million homes via cable and satellite.

According to Ancier, "Hotel Babylon," a drama beginning Aug. 8 on BBC America, could be a Hollywood native.

"With all due respect to my late friend, Aaron [Spelling], he could have made 'Hotel Babylon,' Ancier said. "It's bright, it's colorful, it's sexy. It's set in a hotel with beautiful people doing nasty things to each other. It's what Aaron specialized in."

That's in sharp contrast to "East-Enders," an enduring soap opera that Ancier calls "peculiar to Britain."

"It's not a particularly uplifting or inspirational show. It's a very dramatic serial but sort of depressing," he said. "The joke around the office is the lesson from that show is 'Life is miserable, and then you die.'"

In contrast, American viewers "love escapist, uplifting products," Ancier said — although he notes that a number of U.S.-born shows, "Ugly Betty" and "House" among them, are popular abroad.

Ancier's thoroughly American career included executive posts at Fox, NBC, WB and, most recently, the Warner Bros.-AOL broadband venture In2TV.

His latest title is president of BBC Worldwide America, and his portfolio includes expanding the company's channels and promoting Los Angeles-based BBC Worldwide Productions ("Dancing With the Stars," the upcoming "Viva Laughlin") to U.S. networks.

His new job required a new frame of mind.

"The biggest challenge is coming from a culture where you've been steeped in programs like "Leave It to Beaver."

Suddenly, Ancier said, he's in a world where knowledge of "Blue Peter," a hit British children's show, is a must.

"You become familiar with the top shows in Britain, and have to think about how many of those shows fit in the American psyche," he said.

LYNN ELBER (AP)

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**YOU CAN BUY LOVE:** Obsessive-compulsive realtor Jeff Lewis hangs out solely with people who work for him (including housekeepers, therapists and personal assistants). His prize? A reality show. "Flipping Out" premieres July 31 on Bravo.

# Television

## ON TV TONIGHT

### HARSH REALITY

**THE FIRST 48** (9 p.m., A&E) looks at efforts of Dallas police to find the killer of a 52-year-old woman.

### THE DEVIL'S SPIN-OFF

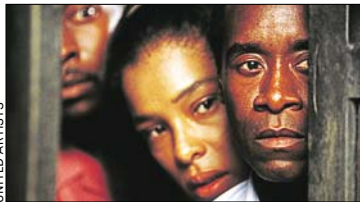
Fans of "Hell's Kitchen" and its star's foul mouth and culinary expertise can catch a new season of **GORDON RAMSAY'S KITCHEN NIGHTMARES** (8 p.m., BBC America).

### HUMBLE HERO

A citizen (Don Cheadle) risks all to save more than a thousand lives during a genocidal civil war in the 2004 drama **HOTEL RWANDA** (8 p.m., MyNetwork).

### DOUBLE THE AWKWARD

On two episodes of **THE OFFICE** (NBC), Michael's vacation snapshots prove revealing (9 p.m.), and a birthday party on ice (10 p.m.).



UNITED ARTISTS

**WELL-DESERVED:** Cheadle received an Oscar nomination for "Hotel Rwanda."

### PEE-WEE PLAYS A PRINCE

Jack and Liz attend the birthday party of an ailing foreign prince (Paul Reubens) on **30 ROCK** (9:30 p.m., NBC).

### MICHAEL JORDAN OF STUDIOS

Gipsy Kings, Natasha Bedingfield and Iron Maiden appear on **LIVE FROM ABBEY ROAD** (10 p.m., Sundance).

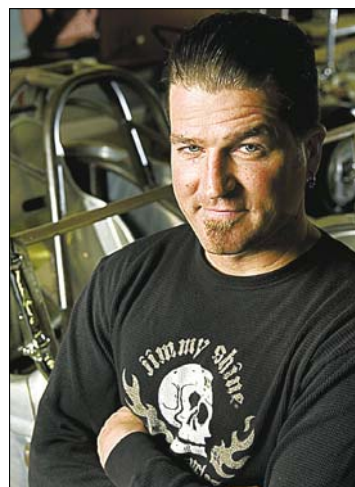
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# Hard to Stomach

**A new reality show starring a corporate pawn, rebel wannabe**

**CARS** | "Hard Shine" (10 p.m., TLC) arrives with a dull thud. It's as if the sole purpose of this 10-part reality series is to prove that the garage-documentary genre has run out of gas.

Hot-rod expert Jimmy Shine takes five "troubled" proteges under his wing and gives them a chance to build/design their own souped-up retro cars. Some of the contestants have had bad experiences with the law and/or family tragedies. Others call themselves "artists."



**IS THAT HIS REAL NAME?** Jimmy Shine plays with cars on TLC's "Hard Shine."

Most curiously of all, the network promotes Shine as a rebel. But the first thing he does is describe his pride in his company, the SO-CAL Speed Shop, and talk about its three generations of crafting innovative hot-rod designs. That's all very interesting, but that doesn't make him a rebel. If anything, Shine comes off as a proud traditionalist and a bit of a company man. He speaks in an intense monotone that reminds me of Patrick Swayze's turn as Bodhi in the 1991 surfing thriller "Point Break."

With a few alterations, he could be a junior vice president of a bank, putting a bunch of management trainees through the motions. Shine is definitely intense, but he's not terribly interesting. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

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LOCAL CHANNELS	WRC	News (N)	NBC Nightly News	Access Hollywood	My Name Is Earl		The Office	30 Rock	The Office	Scrubs	News (N)	Tonight Show	
	WTTG	Seinfeld	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	MLB Pregame	You Smarter? Don't Forget	So You Think You Can Dance		News (N)		News (N)	Every-Raymond	
	WJLA	News (N)	ABC Wld News	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Ugly Betty	Grey's Anatomy "Walk on Water"		(:01) Men in Trees "Talk for Tat"		News (N)	(:35) Nightline (N)	
	WUSA	News (N)	Evening News	News	Entertainment	Big Brother 8 (S Live)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation		Shark "Fall From Grace"		News (N)	Late Show	
	WDCA	Judge Judy	Judge Joe Brown	Scrubs	Scrubs	*** "Hotel Rwanda" (2004, Drama) Don Cheadle. Premiere.		Still Standing	Still Standing		Malcolm-Mid.	Malcolm-Mid.	
	WMPT	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)	Business Rpt.	Business Conn.	MotorWeek	This Old House	Nova Explorer's ships vanish during an expedition. (DVS)				P.O.V. "Revolution '67" (N)		
	WETA	BBC World News	Business Rpt.	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)	Waking the Dead "Walking on Water"		America at a Crossroads Homegrown terrorism. (DVS)				Charlie Rose (N)	Charlie Rose (N)	
	WHUT	Tony Brown	Tavis Smiley	BBC World News	Moneywise	Newark Boys Chorus: Roots	Frontline (DVS)	BBC World News	Tavis Smiley		Charlie Rose (N)		
WDCW	My Wife and Kids	My Wife and Kids	Friends	Friends	Smallville "Subterranean"	Supernatural "Houses of the Holy"	Will & Grace	Will & Grace		Sex and the City	Sex and the City		
BASIC CABLE	A&E	The First 48	CSI: Miami "Dispo Day"	CSI: Miami "Double Cap"	The First 48 "Blindsided"		Kansas City SWAT		Harry Potter: The Hidden Secrets				
	Animal	The Crocodile Hunter Diaries	The Most Extreme	Foiled by Nature	*** "Shiloh" (1997, Drama) Michael Moriarty, Rod Steiger, Blake Heron.		Animal Planet Heroes Phoenix (N)		The Most Extreme	Foiled by Nature			
	BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live		Hell Date	The Black Carpet	Access Granted	The Parkers	The Parkers	Comicview		Take the Cake (Live)		
	Bravo	Hey Paula	Hey Paula	Last Comic Standing	Top Chef "Cooking by the Numbers"		Hey Paula	Hey Paula	Hey Paula (N)	Hey Paula	Hey Paula	Hey Paula	
	Comedy	(5:00) *** "The Last Shot" (2004)	Scrubs	Scrubs	Reno 911!	Reno 911!	Chappelle's Show	South Park	Silverman Prog	South Park	Daily Show	Colbert Report	
	Court	World's Wildest Police Videos	Cops	Cops	Speeders	Speeders	Video Justice	Video Justice	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	LA Forensics	Hollywood Heat	
	Discovery	Cash Cab	Cash Cab (N)	Build It Bigger "Coaster"	Dirty Jobs "Billboard Installer"	Deadliest Catch		Man vs. Wild "Australia"		Dirty Jobs Penguins.			
	DISCH	Code Blue	Impact: Stories of Survival		Fresh-Snow	Fresh-Snow	A Lyon in the	A Lyon in the	Little People, Big World		Fresh-Snow	Fresh-Snow	
	Disney	The Suite Life	Zack & Cody	Hannah Montana	Zack & Cody	"Read It and Weep" (2006) Kay Panabaker.		Replacements	That's So Raven	Life With Derek	Zack & Cody	Hannah Montana	
	E!	Goldie & Kate: True Hollywood Story	E! News (N)	The Daily 10 (N)	Half Year Best	Half Year Best	Simple Life	Simple Life	Girl Next Door	Girl Next Door	E! News	The Daily 10	
	FX	*** "Elektra" (2005, Action) Jennifer Garner, Terence Stamp, Kirsten Prout.			*** "American History X" (1998, Drama) Edward Norton, Edward Furlong, Fairuza Balk.				*** "American History X" (1998) Edward Norton.				
	HGTV	Look What I Did!	Small Space	If Walls Could	House Hunters	Designed to Sell	Buy Me	Divine Design	Landscapers	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters	Over Your Head	Don't Sweat It
	Family	8 Simple Rules	8 Simple Rules	*** "Bring It On" (2000, Comedy) Kirsten Dunst, Eliza Dushku.				*** "Bring It On" (2000, Comedy) Kirsten Dunst, Eliza Dushku.				The 700 Club	
	History	Shootout! "Hunt for bin Laden"	Marvels: Empire State Building	Marvels: It Came From Outer Space				Boneyard "Aircraft" Large aircraft. (N)	Ancient Discoveries			Lost Worlds	
	Lifetime	Reba "The Rings"	Reba	Still Standing	Still Standing	Reba	Reba	*** "The Glass House" (2001, Suspense) Leleea Sobieski, Diane Lane.		Will & Grace	Will & Grace	Will & Grace	
	MTV	America's Next Top Model	Model	The X Effect	Making the Band 4	Wild 'n Out	Wild 'n Out	Wild 'n Out	Wild 'n Out	Nick Cannon	Rob & Big	Rob & Big	
NICK	Zoey 101	Ned's School	Drake & Josh	Ned's School	Drake & Josh	SpongeBob	Home Videos	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	
SCI FI	Stargate SG-1 "Small Victories"		*** "Tidal Wave: No Escape" (1997) Corbin Bernsen, Julianne Phillips.				"Dark Storm" (2006, Science Fiction) Stephen Baldwin, William B. Davis.			Roswell Crash: New Evidence			
SPIKE	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation				TNA Wrestling Impact! (N)	UFC Unleashed		UFC Unleashed			
TBS	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Every-Raymond	Every-Raymond	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	*** "Cheaper by the Dozen" (2003) Steve Martin, Bonnie Hunt.				
TLC	Flip That House	Flip That House	American Hot Rod	American Hot Rod	American Hot Rod "Hershey 1" (N)		American Chopper "Intel 1" (N)	Hard Shine Trainees compete.		American Chopper "Intel 1"			
TNT	Law & Order "Charm City"		Homicide: Life on the Street	Law & Order "Entrapment"			*** "The Bourne Supremacy" (2004) Matt Damon, Franka Potente.		*** "Donnie Brasco" (1997)				
USA	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit				Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Burn Notice "Old Friends" (N)		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit			
VH1	World Series of Pop Culture	World Series of Pop Culture	World Series of Pop Culture				World Series of Pop Culture (N)	Fabulous Life Of...		World Series of Pop Culture			
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NEWS	CNN	Lou Dobbs Tonight	The Situation Room		Paula Zahn Now		Larry King Live	Anderson Cooper 360					
	FNC	Special Report (Live)	The Fox Report With Shepard Smith		The O'Reilly Factor (Live)		Hannity & Colmes (Live)	On the Record-Van Susteren		The O'Reilly Factor			
	MSNBC	Tucker	Hardball		Countdown With Keith Olbermann		Scarborough Country	Anatomy of a Murder Teen suspect.					
MOVIES	AMC	(5:00) *** "U.S. Marshals" (1998, Crime Drama) Tommy Lee Jones. 'PG-13'			*** "There's Something About Mary" (1998, Romance-Comedy) Cameron Diaz, Matt Dillon. 'R'			*** "National Lampoon's European Vacation" (1985)					
	TCM	(:15) *** "Cactus Flower" (1969, Comedy) Walter Matthau. 'PG'			*** "Man in the Saddle" (1951) Randolph Scott. 'NR'		*** "Carson City" (1952, Western) Randolph Scott. 'NR'		*** "The Stranger Wore a Gun"				
	HBO	(5:00) *** "Batman Begins" (2005) Christian Bale. [N]	Transformers		Big Love, Big	Big Love: Fam.	Flt.-Conchords	Entourage	John From Cincinnati	Cathouse 2	Katie Morgan		
	MAX	(4:45) Waist Deep	*** "Running Scared" (2006, Crime Drama) Paul Walker. [N]		*** "The Oh in Ohio" (2006) Parker Posey. 'R'			*** "Red Planet" (2000, Science Fiction) Val Kilmer. [N]					
	SHOW	(5:00) *** "Crimson Tide" (1995)	*** "The Longest Yard" (2005) Adam Sandler. iTV. [N]				*** "Get Rich or Die Tryin'" (2005) Curtis "50 Cent" Jackson. 'R'		Meadowlands (iTV)				
	TMC	Jiminy	*** "Wonderwall" (1969) Jack MacGowran. 'NR'		*** "Dreamland" (2006) Agnes Bruckner. 'PG-13'		*** "Sahara" (2005, Adventure) Matthew McConaughey. [N]				American Pres		
	STARZ!	(5:30) *** "Judge Dredd" (1995) 'R'	(:15) *** "The Fog" (2005, Horror) Tom Welling. [N]				*** "The Guardian" (2006, Drama) Kevin Costner, Ashton Kutcher, Sela Ward. [N]				★ Pulse (2006)		
ENCORE	(:15) ★ "Bio-Dome" (1996, Comedy) Pauly Shore. [N]		*** "The Exorcism of Emily Rose" (2005) Laura Linney. [N]			(:05) *** "Blade" (1998, Horror) Wesley Snipes, Stephen Dorff. [N]							



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## Feeding Frenzy

### Animal Care

#### March's scare leaves pet owners still in fear of buying tainted food

These days, if pet food labels were books, they'd be on the best-seller list.

For many pet owners, the biggest problem used to be remembering whether the cats preferred the salmon flavor or the tuna. But since the pet food recalls in March — when the deaths of dogs and cats were blamed on pet food containing Chinese wheat gluten tainted with the chemical melamine — that's the least of pet owners' worries.

Pet owners all over the United States now find themselves in the position of attempting to become instant experts on pet nutrition.

It's not always easy, but most say they believe their pets are better for it, and even their own human diets have improved with their new awareness.

Take Rosalie Paoloni, a medical transcriptionist in Wolcott, Conn., with nine cats and two dogs, who says she's recently changed everyone's diets, with some extra effort.

Paoloni is trying to buy more organic and locally produced foods for her pets and her family. "I will not buy the old foods again from the big pet food companies," she says, and she is also trying to avoid human food produced by large corporations.

For some people, their awareness level has increased but, frustratingly, their options have not. Rosie Glorso lives with her two Scottish Fold cats in Unalaska, Alaska, in the Aleutian Islands.

When the recalls were

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JACQUELYN MARTIN/AP

WHO'S AFRAID? Nittany, a mixed breed rescue dog, sniffs around the Big Bad Woof pet store in Washington seeking food.

“They walk in the door and say, ‘What’s not going to kill my dog or cat?’”

JULIE PAEZ, BIG BAD WOOF

announced, “I was really upset because there is a very limited selection of cat food in my town,” and shipping is prohibitively expensive to a town where access is only possible by air or boat.

Even those who have a wider choice of products may find that the

problems don't end there. Pets don't always cooperate — cats in particular can be finicky and resist change.

Pet owners say they still feel they often don't have enough information to make good choices.

For example, Paoloni wants to avoid all products made in China or containing ingredients from China. But pet foods usually don't label where their ingredients come from.

Jan McCartney of Toronto, Canada, now also thinks about her own food differently, and she is distressed by the lack of labeling with it, too. “We're looking at more organic food, more food that

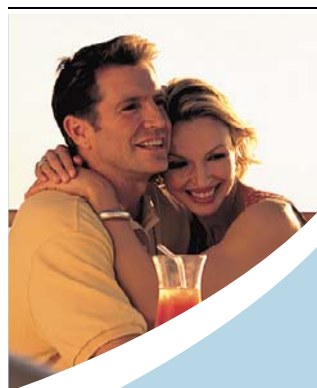
is grown locally,” said McCartney. But “too many food items are made in Canada. But who knows where they really came from?”

The result is a world where a sense of security in something as simple as grocery shopping — or feeding a hungry dog — may seem lost long ago.

Julie Paez, co-owner of The Big Bad Woof in Washington, D.C., says that the store's sales of premium, natural pet foods have gone up 20 to 30 percent since the recalls.

“They [customers] walk in the door and say, ‘What’s not going to kill my dog or cat?’” Paez says.

LINDA LOMBARDI (AP)



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# Cutting Out the Copper

## Technology

### Verizon is taking the next step — whether you know it or not

When Henry Powderly II ordered Verizon Communications Inc.'s FiOS fiber-optic service, he knew he was about to be connected to the future of telecommunications.

He also got unplugged from its past. Which meant that while Powderly was gaining features, he was losing some telecommunications options.

Verizon's installer — without warning, Powderly says — removed the copper wires that used to carry his phone calls. For most of the world, copper still links homes and businesses, as it has for a century.

Verizon's new high-bandwidth fiber lines are fully capable of carrying not only calls but also Internet data and television with room to grow. But once the copper is pulled, it's difficult to switch back to the



A Verizon worker installs a fiber-optic cable, replacing traditional copper lines.

traditional phone system or less expensive Digital Subscriber Line service. And Verizon isn't required, in most instances, to lease fiber to rival phone companies, as it is with the copper infrastructure.

What's more, anyone who owns

Powderly's house in the future will face higher bills with FiOS than another home with copper. Right now, for instance, Verizon's DSL plans cost as little as \$15 a month. FiOS Internet starts at \$30 a month.

"I was not given an option," said

**"We don't let General Motors build a highway and decide what size cars to let on the road."**

JOE PLOTKIN, BWAY.NET

Powderly, who likes the service.

As it hooks up homes and businesses to its fiber network, Verizon has been routinely disconnecting the copper and, many subscribers say, not telling them up front or giving them a choice. More than 1 million customers have signed up for a FiOS service.

Verizon spokesman Eric Rabe said customers should have been notified at least three times — once by the sales representative when FiOS is ordered, by the technician before copper is cut, and through paperwork given to the customer.

The New York phone company has made it clear its entire network is going to fiber-optics.

Verizon has decided to spend \$23 billion to make fiber available to 18 million homes by 2010. Network maintenance savings could top \$1 billion a year, Verizon said.

"It's a huge expense to maintain those copper networks," said Scott Randolph, federal regulatory director at Verizon. "At some point in time, it would not make sense to operate two networks."

Under the Telecommunications Act of 1996, incumbent phone companies like Verizon must lease to rivals their copper network. That's generally not the case for next-generation fiber systems. And so far, Verizon has filed more than 100 notices with the Federal Communications Commission to retire portions of copper throughout its network.

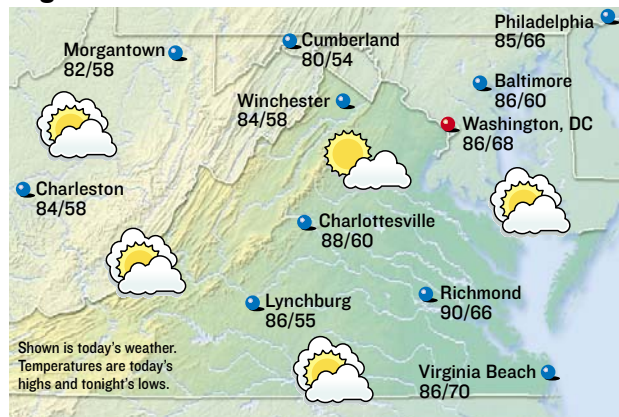
The FCC allows the retirement of copper as long as public notice is given so the phone companies can work together to ensure the smaller companies' access. But rivals say access at reasonable prices is not guaranteed, and it's just a matter of time before they're cut off.

"It's a horrendous situation. ... We don't let General Motors build a highway and decide what size cars to let on the road," said Joe Plotkin, marketing director for Bway.net, a New York Internet provider. "The small guys have tried to fight this re-monopolization of the network infrastructure." DEBORAH YAO (AP)

### 5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

Today	Tonight	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
Mostly sunny, less humid	Partly cloudy	Partly sunny	Partly sunny, a t-storm possible	Partly sunny, seasonably warm	Mostly sunny, seasonably warm
86°	68°	86° / 68°	85° / 68°	91° / 72°	92° / 73°

### Regional Weather



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### Almanac

Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Wed.

#### Temperature

High	87°
Low	73°
Normal high	88°
Normal low	70°
Average humidity	73%

#### Precipitation

24 hours ending 4 p.m.	0.40"
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Normal month to date	1.27"
Year to date	16.44"
Last year to date	27.62"
Normal year to date	20.43"

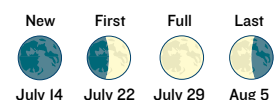
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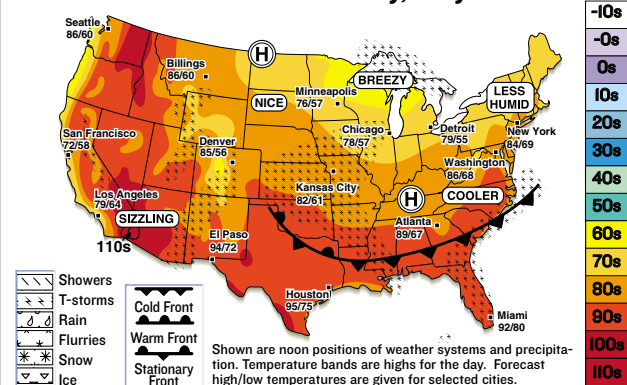
**D.C. Metro:** Today, mostly sunny, less humid. High 86. Wind west-northwest 7-14 mph. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 68.

### Sun and Moon

Sunrise today	5:53 a.m.
Sunset tonight	8:35 p.m.
Moonrise today	3:26 a.m.
Moonset today	7:29 p.m.



### National Weather for Thursday, July 12



### National Cities

City	Today	Fri.
Atlanta	89/67/pc	89/69/t
Boston	80/61/t	83/64/pc
Chicago	78/57/t	76/57/pc
Dallas	94/77/t	92/71/t
Denver	85/56/t	84/60/t
Honolulu	89/76/s	89/76/pc
Los Angeles	79/64/pc	84/64/s
Miami	92/80/s	90/79/t
New York City	84/69/s	85/68/t
Orlando	94/74/t	92/75/t
Seattle	86/60/s	82/60/pc

### World Cities

City	Today	Fri.
Amsterdam	70/59/t	70/63/t
Athens	86/72/s	88/70/s
Berlin	66/50/t	70/54/pc
Buenos Aires	52/37/s	52/37/c
Calgary	86/55/pc	88/57/s
Dublin	66/54/pc	64/54/r
Geneva	68/54/pc	80/54/pc
Moscow	88/62/pc	89/60/pc
Rome	81/59/s	81/63/s
Sydney	60/51/pc	60/44/c
Tokyo	79/70/t	77/71/r

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Styles

LOOK  
out

# Fashion Fore-Front

## As more women are coming out swinging, clothes make the cut

A new generation of women are taking up golf, both on the LPGA Tour and on local greens, and they've changed the look of the links.

In place of clothes that in some ways were just smaller versions of the men's, they've created a new breed of lifestyle clothing incorporating feminine styles that come in neutral-colored basics with pops of preppy colors and are constructed from comfortable fabrics that can be worn from day to night.

The new players in the world of

wearing, and they really weren't much different. I knew I wasn't alone in feeling this way."

But changing the DNA of golf clothes isn't only a matter of adding trendier elements seen in street clothes. Golf clothes have to play by different rules since many courses — especially private country clubs — have conservative dress codes, requiring collared shirts, and shorts and skirts that hit no higher than an inch above the knee. And you can't look wrinkled and rumpled after 18 holes and hours in the sun if you want to hit the clubhouse.

"There is a certain image to the game, you always wear appropriate dress and keep your manners in check," says Hipp. From there, though, feel free to branch out into pop-art prints and some less-than-traditional silhouettes like dresses.

"One of our best sellers is an urban golf short," Hipp says. "It goes down to the knee and has tee holders on the hip. The belt loops are Velcro so you can hook your club on — women love details like that that are fun and functional. But there's a definite feminine shape and the legs are slightly tapered."

Other popular pieces include the waistband-free Par skort that has deep pockets for "tees and ball markers — or lipgloss," says Hipp. The Dista Uno dress, which has a fitted shape and a contrasting color around the V-neckline and front seam, is made of a lightweight nylon-spandex fabric that has an SPF of 50.

"These are fashion styles that are golf friendly but not golf specific," Hipp says.

The key item from Birdie's summer collection is its polo dress, says



Long shorts and a polo from Lija are appropriate for the most formal course but are still fun, with feminine colors and cuts.

company founder Sutton. "It has a modern feel. It has exaggerated buttons, a pocket for tees and it's a wonderful weight so you don't see your underwear line."

Shawn Cox, director of golf at

**"I'd look at what I was wearing and what the guys were wearing, and they weren't much different."**

KATE SUTTON, DESIGNER

the Grand Golf Club in San Diego, Calif., says unlike male golfers who almost exclusively buy from the pro shop a polo shirt with the emblem of the course on the upper left corner, women want clothes that cross over into the rest of their lives. "They want a jacket they can wear to go walking in the morning or still look OK if they're going shopping," Cox says.

Keri Murschell, founder of bag manufacturer Keri Golf, says she hears from customers that they don't want just a golf shoe bag anymore, they want a tote bag — which can double as a handbag — that can fit a matching shoe bag inside.

Her golf bags have a mirror attached to the outside and there's also an extra zippered bag, often used as a cosmetics case, that can shuttle from golf bag to that tote.

"If someone says they don't have anything stylish to wear on the golf course, I say they're looking in the wrong place," Murschell says.

SAMANTHA CRITCHELL (AP)

## Clothing

### Get Into Their Pants

Denim darlings **CHIP & PEPPER** have teamed up with J.C. Penney to create a new line of jeans and more. With the highest-priced item

in the collection going for a regular price of \$55, the C7P... A Chip & Pepper Production collection is far more affordable than the \$150 to \$180 Chip & Pepper jeans found in small boutiques and upscale department stores. The first shipment of jeans, hoodies, T-shirts and fleeces was scheduled to come to stores in early July, with more designs on the way as back-to-school time approaches.

DIANE DAVIS (AP)



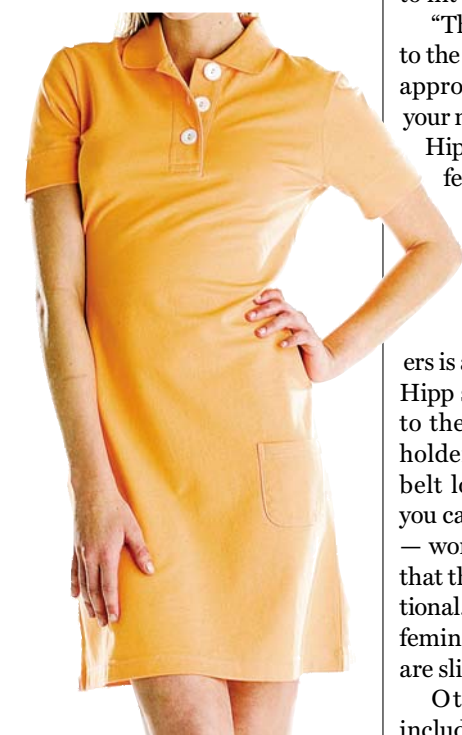
## Beauty



### Stay Gold, Ponyboy

Sometimes, all that glitters is gold. Such is the case with Benefit's 24k **SEXY GOLD LIP GLOSS** and **LIPSTICK** (\$20, benefitcosmetics.com), which dress one's kisser in enough bling to make even Mr. T proud. The lipstick provides more golden smoulder than its sheer gloss cousin, but both go on buttery with only a slightly makeupy taste. The sultry result is gorgeous on those of us with olive and bronze complexions among us, but fair warning to the fair-skinned: For you, it says "Star Trek," not "starlet."

JEN BEASLEY (EXPRESS)



An orange polo dress by Birdie has a pocket in which to carry tees.

golf fashion, including Lija's Linda Hipp and Birdie's Kate Sutton, say they got in the design game because they had trouble finding clothes for themselves.

"I am a golfer since I was little," says Sutton. "As I grew older, I found golf is enjoyable as a social sport. When I'd play with my guy friends, I'd look down at what I was wearing and looked at what they were




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### MUSIC

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### BAGGAGE CHECK

## Couric's Smack Attack

When Katie Couric recently admitted to "smacking around" a male employee for putting a word she didn't like in a newscast script, some saw it as a sign that she was getting stressed. Express' Dr. Andrea Bonior doesn't think the explanation is that simple. | [ONLINE NOW](#)



## comment board

**I have a better chance** at the nomination than John McCain does. He shot himself in one foot by pandering to illegal aliens, [then] again in the other with his so-called campaign finance 'reform.' The latter might be overlooked, but the former certainly won't. He has no chance at all."

**COMMENTER RICK NORTON**, RESPONDING TO WEDNESDAY'S POLL CENTER QUESTION, "DOES MCCAIN HAVE ANY HOPE OF WINNING THE GOP NOMINATION?"



**Even if** he had a chance, which he doesn't, anti-amnesty Republicans would stay home out of disgust, and Democrats would turn out in droves to vote against a war supporter. The GOP can't allow him to get past the primaries."

**COMMENTER DAMIEN KANE**, WHO ADDED, "IF HIS NUMBERS EVER GO UP, HE WILL BE SABOTAGED BY HIS OWN PARTY."

## poll center

### TODAY'S QUESTION

**Do you trust the District's drinking water?**

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2. No

### YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

**Does McCain have any hope of winning the GOP nomination?**

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# Blog LOG

**"It seems that the filibuster is a legitimate Republican tactic, but not kosher for Democrats."**

**WEED-GARDEN.BLOGSPOT.COM** REMINDS READERS OF PAST REPUBLICAN OUT-cries when Senate Democrats used the filibuster to block judicial nominees. ON WEDNESDAY, A REPUBLICAN FILIBUSTER DERAILED A PROPOSAL THAT WOULD GRANT LEAVE TO SOLDIERS BETWEEN DEPLOYMENTS.



**"We could have had the film premiere at Springfield Mall! Reception at Bennigan's! ... We were not even considered!"**

**BUGGING-YOU.BLOGSPOT.COM** IS SAD THAT SPRINGFIELD, VA., WAS NOT EVEN IN THE RUNNING FOR THE CONTEST TO HOST THE FIRST SCREENING OF "THE SIMPSONS MOVIE." SPRINGFIELD, VT., WON.



**"THE SAD PART IS** he can get away with this sort of nonsense because people are still all too willing to buy into stereotypes and let their prejudices warp any possible critical thinking skills they might possess."

**MEANLOUISE.COM** REACTS TO A REPORT ON FOX'S "THE O'REILLY FACTOR" THAT LESBIAN GANGS ARE SPREADING NATIONWIDE.

**"I DON'T THINK** that this is what Machiavelli was thinking about when he wrote it — seeing as he was addressing kings, emperors and the like, rather than some tread-worn, limber-limbed, uneducated moron."

A COMMENTER AT **DLISTED.COM** ON REPORTS THAT LINDSAY LOHAN READ MACHIAVELLI'S "THE PRINCE" IN REHAB AND IS NOW A HUGE FAN OF THE BOOK.

**"IF EACH COMMUNITY** would do its part to pass legislation on a local level ... then the federal government will have no choice but to [bend] to the will of the people [on] illegal immigration."

**MORDANTTRADITIONALIST.TYPEPAD.COM** APPLAUDS A MOVE BY PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY TO VERIFY U.S. CITIZENSHIP BEFORE PROVIDING COUNTY SERVICES.

## Discussions

## 'Potter' Mania

Editor/publisher **ARTHUR LEVINE** was online Wednesday and talked about his work in bringing the "Harry Potter" books to the American audience and the tremendous success of the series.



**When did you and J.K. Rowling first realize the magnitude of the success of the series? What**

**triggered the realization? What were your reactions?** I think the idea that something unusual was happening started

with the auction for U.S. rights; I wound up paying a lot of money for what was then an unknown author's novel. And after the auction, I called Jo and said, "Hey, I know there's a lot of excitement about this, but don't let it scare you."

**What can you tell us about the very beginning of the series' run in the U.S. Is it true that Scholastic bought the rights for only \$105,000, plus small author residuals?**

That's true. But to be clear: That figure is what's called an "advance against royalties." In typical author agreements, this means that when an author "earns back" that advance, they start earning additional royalties.

**How much did you "Americanize" the text (i.e., change spellings, idioms and British speech patterns)?**

Very little. Our rule of thumb is that we almost never change anything in a character's direct speech (characters talk the way they talk.) And we only query the author in instances where we think there will be a misunderstanding; this comes up more often when a word seems to be left out to American readers. It's very rarely the simplistic substitution of a bit of British slang for an American variant.

### TODAY ON DISCUSSIONS:

The Washington Post's Rob Pegoraro answers your personal tech questions at 2 p.m. | [washingtonpost.com/discussions](http://washingtonpost.com/discussions).

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**BE ALARMED BY YOUR FUNKY TAP WATER.** The Washington Aqueduct, where raw water from the Potomac River is now being treated with carbon, sights algae blooms and high temperatures as the reasons for the water's musty, yet harmless smell and taste.



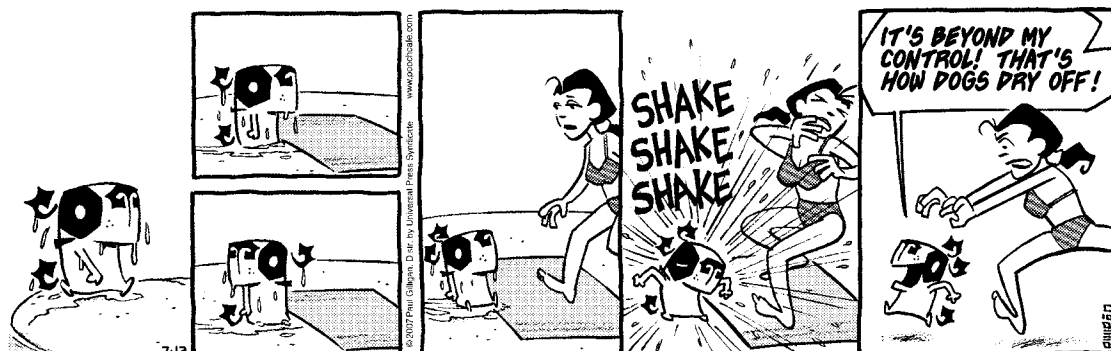
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## Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** You must use care when you are invited to become part of a new team. You want to seem enthusiastic, but don't come on too strong.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Your excitement is on the rise, and you're certainly going to want to find some way to challenge your ever-increasing energy at this time.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** A promise received from a good friend is not to be taken lightly. He or she is willing to go to any extreme to come through for you.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** You may not feel as though you're entirely in sync at this time. Perhaps you must wait until your mood is a little more solid.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** Take care you maintain a healthy and consistent rhythm throughout the day. You don't want to be unusually broken up in the way you do things.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** You may be considering a major change at this time. Take a close look at someone

who has done something similar; are the results what you desire?

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** You may be feeling as though something is missing. Perhaps you need something or someone to take care of in some new way.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** Someone is trying to size you up in some way, eager to engage in some sort of contest. You're not ready to start something new — yet.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)** Don't be afraid to say whatever it is you have to say. The sooner you can give voice to your thoughts, the sooner you move ahead.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** You may be too eager to help someone else, and not eager enough to accept from others the time and devotion you really need right now.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** You are not about to forgive being cheated at this time — at least not in the near future. Warn others against breaking the rules.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** You may not be in the mood to work well with others. Try doing as much as you can on your own. If you hit an obstacle, lie low for a while.

## Letters

### Learn Zimbabwe's Lesson

**IT SHOULD BE** no surprise to anyone that mandatory government price cuts in Zimbabwe led to an over-demand of basic goods and has since left many without access to them ("Bare Shelves in Zimbabwe," July 10). It also shouldn't be surprising that government cronies benefited the most from these cuts.

The problems in Zimbabwe are not unique to Zimbabwe, though. The results of price control are the same no matter what country they occur in. We should learn from the situation and not "sho[o]t ourselves in the foot" as Zimbabwe says it has.

—ALEXANDER MCCOBIN  
Fairfax, Va.

### Correction:

A headline in Monday's Sports section referred to Tour de France cyclist Robbie McEwen as being English. He is Australian.

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## Today in History

**100 B.C.** Julius Caesar is born.

**1543** England's King Henry VIII marries his sixth and last wife, Catherine Parr.

**1984** Democratic presidential candidate Walter F. Mondale announces U.S. Rep. Geraldine A. Ferraro of New York to be his running-mate; Ferraro was the first woman to run for vice president on a major-party ticket.



Ferraro ran for vice president in 1984.

**1993** About 200 people die when an earthquake measuring a magnitude of 7.8 strikes Japan and triggered a tsunami.



# LOOK out People



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## IMMIGRANTS

## We Greet You, America, With Our Glossy Bare Flesh

**VICTORIA** and **DAVID BECKHAM** strip down in steamy photos for W magazine. They strike a sultry pose for the cover, but things get more seductive in a spread inside. The photos show the pair in various states of undress — kissing passionately and having an intimate moment in the bedroom, among other scenes. (AP)

## CRAVINGS

## Heather's Thirst for Justice Barely Slaked by Conviction



A British court convicted a photographer Wednesday of assaulting **HEATHER MILLS** as he tried to take her picture. Jay Kaycappa, 32, grabbed Mills by her right shoulder to swing her around so he could photograph her face on July 5, 2006. "Heather is delighted that justice has been done," said a spokesman. (AP)



## SLITHERING OUT

## Lawyers Rule!

**NICOLE RICHIE**'s driving-under-the-influence trial was delayed Wednesday until Aug. 16 so a defense expert can challenge evidence. Richie's lawyer, Shawn Chapman Holley, said in court that Dr. Terence Sean McGee will testify about tests and conclusions by drug experts used by prosecutors. Richie, 25, was not in court for the brief hearing. (AP)

## IN THRALL

## Elite Wedding Planners Well-Please Their Mistress

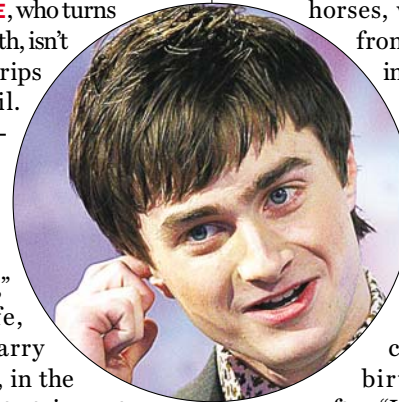
The endless details were numbing, but **EVA LONGORIA** says she kept her cool at her wedding to Tony Parker last week. "My stylist, Robert Verdi,

and everybody around me was, like, 'You're so calm,'" Longoria tells OK! magazine. "Every girl dreams of having a beautiful, romantic wedding," says Longoria. "It was amazing to see it unfold after months of planning." (AP)

## IN REALITY ...

## Jailbait One Birthday Away From Being Pete Doherty

**DANIEL RADCLIFFE**, who turns 18 later this month, isn't planning any trips to rehab or jail. "What everybody would love to see is me having ditched school and then just going wild," says Radcliffe, star of the "Harry Potter" movies, in the latest issue of Entertainment Weekly. "That's what I'm determined not to give them." Radcliffe's racy



role in the London stage production of "Equus," in which he played a troubled stableboy who mutilates horses, was a departure from his wholesome image. "There probably will be some people that never quite separate me from Harry," he says. "I'm just going to get on with it." Radcliffe will celebrate his 18th birthday two days after "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows" hits shelves on July 21. (AP)



EVAN AGOSTINI/GETTY IMAGES

## OFF-KEY

## Singing Publicly A Privilege, Not a Right

**CLAIRE DANES** will portray Eliza Doolittle, the Cockney flower girl who blossoms into a lady, in the Roundabout Theatre Company's upcoming Broadway revival of George Bernard Shaw's "Pygmalion." The production, which also stars Jefferson Mays as Henry Higgins, opens Oct. 18 at the American Airlines Theatre. Preview performances begin Sept. 21. "Pygmalion" will be Danes' Broadway debut. The actress, currently seen in the movie "Evening," has appeared in such films as "The Family Stone" and "Stage Beauty." (AP)

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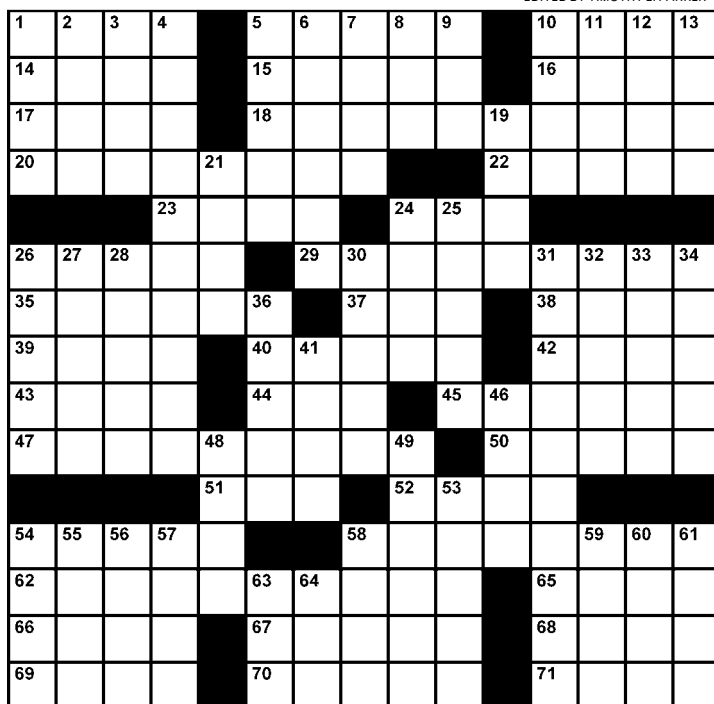
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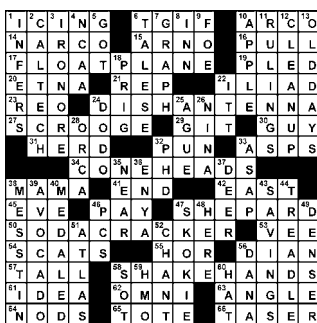


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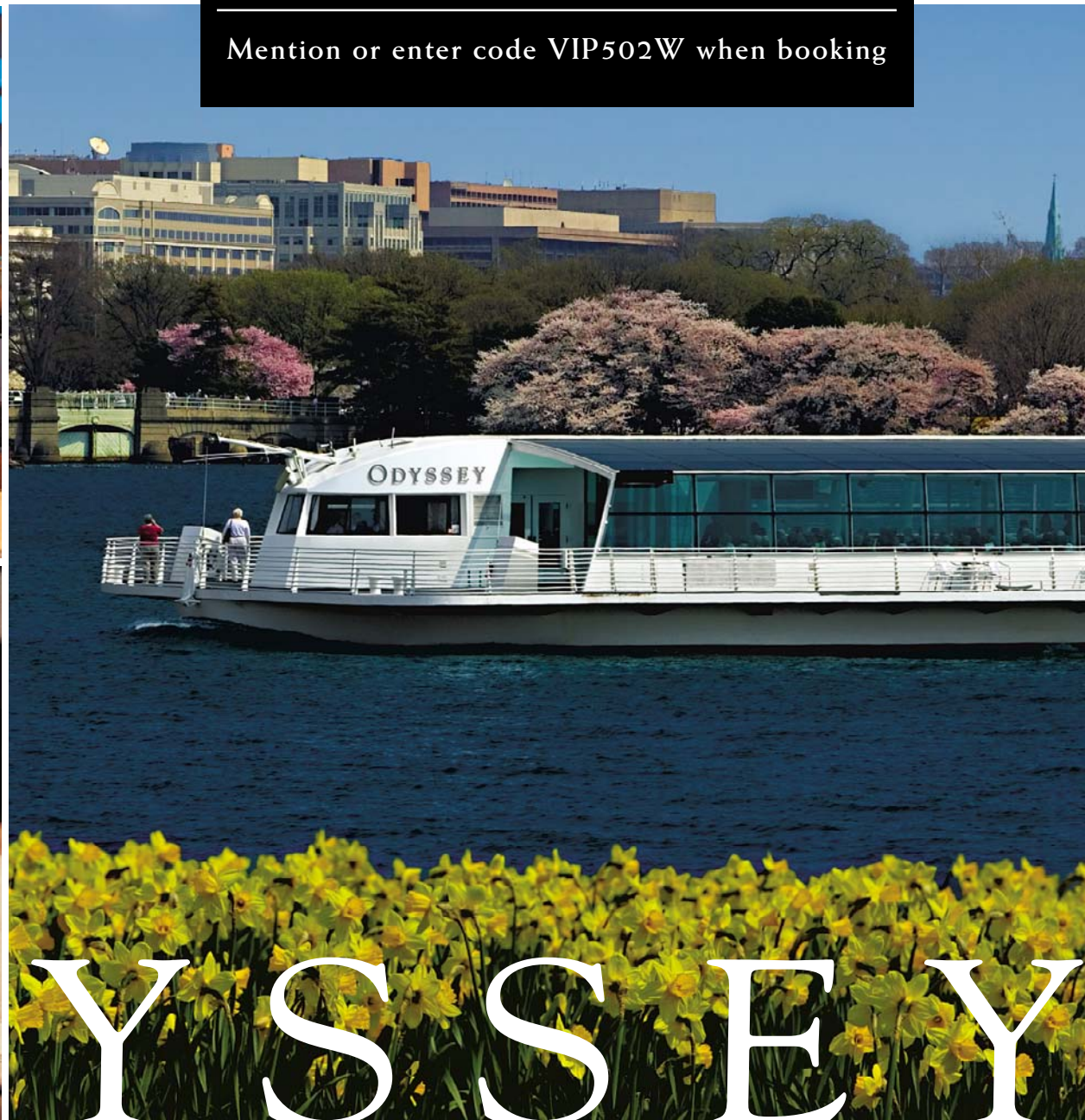
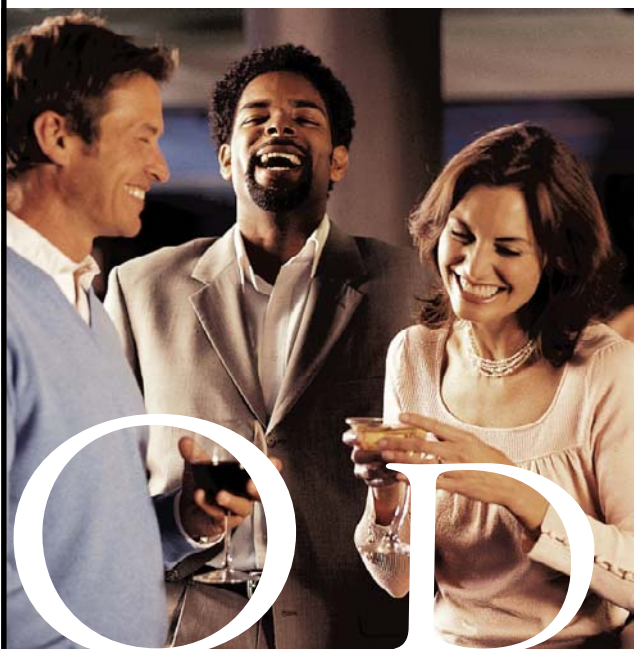
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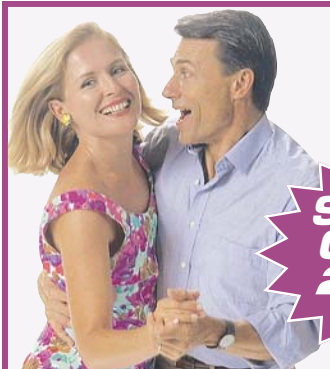
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**NAME:** Mike Carey  
**GIG:** The busiest man in comics

**WRITING A NOVEL** is time-consuming. Writing a screenplay can take up a good portion of your life. Penning a monthly comic book can occupy many a night. That's nothing for Carey, a teacher-turned-writer who made his name on the "Sandman" comic follow-up, "Lucifer."

But there's more. Carey has a supernatural crime thriller novel, "The Devil You Know," making its stateside debut. His screenplay, "Frost Flowers," is currently in pre-production; he had two graphic novels come out in the past few months with another, "Confessions of a Blabbermouth," co-written with his teenage daughter Louise, due out in September. He's got horror comics like "Crossing Midnight" and "Faker" as well as traditional superheroes like "The X-Men" and "Ultimate Fantastic Four." He's set

to land at three locations around the District.

**Is it difficult balancing so many different projects?**

So far, it hasn't been a problem. I tend to find that the more I'm doing, the more of an adrenaline rush I get. ... You get energized. Your mind becomes a superconductor. I'm sure there's a limit to that, a point beyond which it starts to fall apart, but I haven't hit that point yet.

**You've worked on two comics that had a very fervent fan base in "Lucifer" and now "X-Men." Were you prepared for the challenge of taking on such revered titles?**

With "Sandman," I had a certain amount of performance anxiety because, obviously, I was following ["Sandman" writer] Neil Gaiman. What carried me through the assignment was I was a passionate "Sandman" fan. It was a fantastic



Mike Carey is as comfortable writing for superheroes as he is for fallen angels.

sandbox, no pun intended, to play in and a fantastic opportunity.

I had basically been writing in a kind of niche market up to that point. With "X-Men," I came into the mainstream with a vengeance. I wasn't really prepared for the volume of responses that my issues were getting, the intensity of emotions and the loyalties that these characters evoke. ... It's a wonder-

ful thing to add bricks to a building that you've admired from afar.

**How was it working with your daughter?**

It was a very strange experience writing with Louise. I initially was a little bit overbearing, leaning over her shoulder saying, "You don't write the art direction like that; you have to do this; you have



**"It's a wonderful thing to add bricks to a building that you've admired from afar."**

to set up your dialogue like this." Finally, she had to turn around and to say, "Dad, we have an editor. I don't need another editor — you have to give me my space." I did, I backed off. We ended up finding a very good *modus operandi*. It was a very fulfilling and rewarding experience for both of us.

SCOTT ROSENBERG (EXPRESS)

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And what are we to make of Richard M. Nixon's identification with Broadway hit-hustler George M. Cohan? In "Yankee Doodle Dandy," the 1942 sawdust-to-stardust biopic that is basically the "Citizen Kane" of corn, a thoroughly unlikable brat grows into his ego and becomes a man beloved by millions.



**FLAG-WAVER:** It's fun to think about Richard Nixon even saying the word "doodle."

The National Archives affords film buffs the chance to unravel the hopes and dreams of the occupants of the Oval Office, as its Presidential

Film Favorites series continues.

Could it be that the jowly, dour Milhous longed for the warm gleam of the footlights? Maybe the untele-

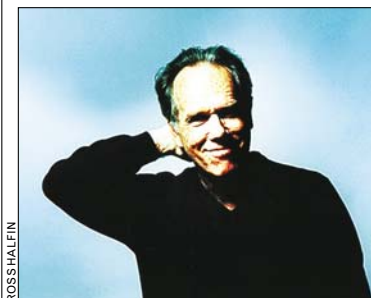
genic debate chump pined for the America that bought the toe-tapping patriotic rhetoric of "Over There" and "You're a Grand Old Flag."

Or perhaps Nixon simply envied James Cagney his opportunity to play against type. Though known for portraying gangsters and toughs, Cagney was, in fact, a vaudeville man, an old hand at wowing a crowd with snappy patter and fancy footwork. One can only imagine Nixon ordering up a private screening as Watergate's noose tightened around his neck: "People have got to know whether or not their president is a crook. Well, I'm not a crook. ... I'm a hooper!" **GLENN DIXON**

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5:30 PM Sackler pavilion

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### CONCERT

Afro-Portuguese *Baila* from Sri Lanka: The Gypsies Band ❖

7 PM Freer steps

(Rain location: Meyer Auditorium)

*Baila* melds its African and Portuguese roots with calypso and mariachi to create infectious rhythms and light-hearted melodies.

## Thursday, July 19

### GALLERY PERFORMANCE

The Peacock Room with  
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### IMAGINASIA

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5:30 PM in the Sackler Pavilion

Watch capoeira dancers from Brazil practice the martial arts as you've never seen them before! Join in a dance class led by capoeira performers.

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## Thursday, July 26

### IMAGINASIA

Guitars and Sitar

5:30 PM Sackler pavilion

Enjoy a demonstration of Portuguese Renaissance music by Vozes Alfonzinas from Lisbon. Play on string instruments from India and Europe with world music educator Bill Jenkins.

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## Thursday, August 2

### IMAGINASIA

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5 PM Sackler pavilion

Enjoy a demonstration of Indo-Portuguese music and dance by the Ekvât Ensemble from Lisbon. Learn about classical dance from northern India and take part in a dance class.

### GALLERY PERFORMANCE

The Peacock Room with  
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5:30 PM in the Freer's Peacock Room

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**ORCHESTRAL MANEUVERS IN THE DARK:** On this tour, the Portland-based Decemberists marry their brainy post-indie rock with the lush sound of various orchestras.

# The Literati

## The Decemberists make an even bigger noise with the BSO

**MUSIC** | Put together a rock band and an orchestra and you usually get bombastic conceit. But if anyone makes music dramatic enough for an orchestra to play, it's the Decemberists, scheduled to perform at Merriweather Post Pavilion on Saturday with the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra.

The Portland-based rock band's albums careen from knockabout sea shanties to winsome folk songs, while lead singer and songwriter Colin Meloy draws bookish sketches of sailors, soldiers and star-crossed lovers. It's ambitious music, often accented with accordion, pedal steel guitar, bouzouki and violin.

Now, the Decemberists can

add full string, brass, woodwind and percussion sections to that list of accompaniments.

How did a literary five-piece making highbrow indie-rock end up with a full orchestral complement?

This monumental last year has something to do with it. The band broke the top 40 last fall with "The Crane Wife," its first album after signing with Capitol Records.

Stephen Colbert dedicated an entire episode of "The Colbert Report" to a faux feud with the group, culminating with a guitar solo duel between Decemberists guitarist Chris Funk and rock legend Peter Dinklage (standing in for Colbert, who feigned an injured finger at the last second).

All this seems grandiose for a band usually described as "indie," but Meloy told *Express* last year that he doesn't think it's fair to label the

Decemberists with the I-word.

"A lot of people will recognize that what makes a band 'indie' is that they really flourish in environments where they work with a smaller budget and be able to do things

**The band's albums careen from knockabout sea shanties to winsome folk songs.**

themselves," he said. "With this band, our approach and our vision is to make big music and explore different instrumentation."

Arranging the Decemberists' songs for the orchestras is L.A.-based composer Sean O'Loughlin, who has also arranged orchestras

for Belle and Sebastian, the Cowboy Junkies and Nickel Creek.

Funk said the Decemberists will play songs from across their library, with the highlight being "The Tain," an 18-minute saga adapted from an Irish folktale. The five-part song, released as an EP on the obscure Acuarela Discos label, will be new to many Decemberists fans.

The set, fittingly for a D.C. audience, will also include "The Bagman's Gambit," about a federal employee who gives a spy classified documents after a tryst "in a bathroom stall off the National Mall."

Funk said he's excited to perform with full orchestras — an opportunity most bands with their level of success never enjoy.

"They're all union musicians, which means most of them have probably never even heard of us," Funk said. "They're probably like, 'OK, on to the next gig, on to the Liza Minnelli concert.'"

GABE NELSON (EXPRESS)

→ Merriweather Post Pavilion, 10475 Little Patuxent Parkway, Columbia, Md.; Sat., 6:30 p.m. (gates), 8 p.m. (show), \$40-\$75; 800-551-7328.

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### STEVIE WILLIAMS

#### Vans & Fans

2 Tony Hawk is now married with kids, but there are plenty of celeb boarders in the next generation.

On Saturday, skateboard shop Palace5ive will be visited by Philly pride and joy Stevie Williams and his team, the DGK.

→ Palace 5ive, 2216 & 2220 14th St. NW; Sat., 2-5 p.m., free; 301-343-0016, ugotthavesole.com.

### CRAIG FERGUSON

#### Thinking Girls' Crush



3 Actor, talk-show host and hot Scot Craig Ferguson also happens to be a fantastic stand-up comic. Get

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→ Warner Theatre, 513 13th St. NW; Sat., 7:30 p.m., \$36.50; 800-551-7328.

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# Pretty on the Outside

**St. Vincent is a winsome folk pixie with a metal core**

**MUSIC** | Just try not to fall in love with Annie Clark. She's the songwriter and multi-instrumentalist behind St. Vincent, who plays Washington on Saturday. Waifish, adorable and just 23, her outsized resume includes stints playing with Polyphonic Spree and Sufjan Stevens' band. But nothing really prepares one for the following awesomeness: Her first band played Iron Maiden covers.

"I played 'The Trooper' at my junior high talent show," says Clark. "I could sing it to you now to prove it." She does. It shreds. "I've got a prog side," she coyly admits.

Yes, that pitter-pat feeling in your chest is a wicked crush forming.

St. Vincent's debut album, "Marry Me" (well, if you insist), is built on Clark's virtuosic guitar, keys and a voice seemingly too big



**PERPETUAL CARE:** Annie Clark plants verbal thorns amid her lovely melodies and seemingly lighthearted lyrics.

to fit in her body. For someone who drops Alice Coltrane and Captain Beefheart as influences, she sure

knows her way around the catalogs of Burt Bacharach and Van Dyke Parks.

Plus, in addition to her band, she uses a birdcage on stage. "Yes, I mean a birdcage," she confirms.

And also "claviettas, melodicas, \$25 chord organs and basses you play with your feet." Imagine torch songs assembled from fragments of the American avant-garde.

Happily, all the influences adhere under her wry lyrical twists, as in the title track, which sweetly croons, "Marry me, John, I'll be so good to you. You won't realize I'm gone." Thanks to her buttery delivery, some won't realize the irony. Such as the guy who proposed to his girlfriend by joining Clark onstage to sing the song.

"He had practiced the song," says Clark, "but it hadn't dawned on him that there were lyrics that aren't so sweet. He sings 'You won't realize I'm gone,' then realizes, 'No, no, no — it's gotta be happy.' So he sings, 'I'll never be gone.' Obviously, she said yes, and it was a really sweet moment." Phew.

So would she hope for a similar marriage proposal one day? "Oh, yes," Clark says. Ideally at an Iron Maiden show. "Maybe he could come out and puff smoke out of [the band's cadaverous mascot] Eddie's mouth. That's really beautiful, we're onto something." **BOB MASSEY**

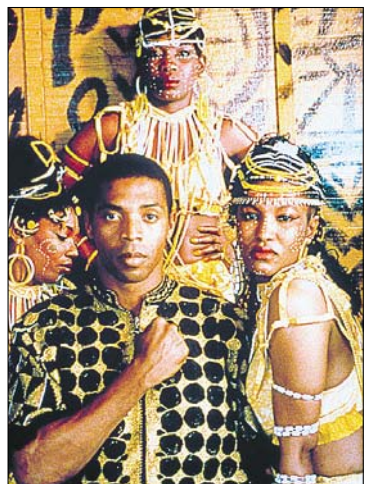
➔ *Rock & Roll Hotel, 1353 H St. NW; with Scout Niblett, Sat., 9:30 p.m., \$12; 202-388-ROCK.*

# Afrobeat's Son & Heir

**Femi Kuti ushers Nigerian dance pop into the modern age**

**MUSIC** | It's been a while since Femi Kuti dropped a new hot one. Right now, the timing would be perfect, especially in the U.S. with Hollywood power couples and glossy magazines such as "Vanity Fair" bringing renewed attention to Africa.

Since the release of "Fight to Win" in 2001, we've seen a boom in Afrobeat material around the world. So when Kuti does decide to release a new album, he'll have to compete with the likes of Antibalas, Tony Allen, NOMO, Wunmi and even young New York buzz-magnet Vampire Weekend. Of course, anything Kuti does will garner significant attention, given that he's the



Kuti's frisky funk involves percussion breakdowns and call-and-response.

scion of Afrobeat king Fela Kuti.

The attention will certainly be a mixed blessing. Regardless of the high energy of Femi's concerts and catchiness of his grooves, he is to

Fela as to, say, Ziggy Marley is to Bob Marley, an heir apparent struggling to uphold a legacy and find his own identity.

So far, Femi has succeeded in concocting frenetic grooves that pulsate much faster than Fela's leisurely, ganja-inspired ones. His brassy jams go beyond melody and into the realm of pure energy, with his work on the tenor sax recalling Albert Ayleresque skronks.

Until Femi drops a new disc, Afrobeat fans will have to content themselves with a tour. Hitting D.C. on Friday night at the 9:30 Club, Femi will no doubt put on one of his ebullient shows, knowing he would have made Dad proud and proving that he's his own man.

**JOHN MURPH**

➔ *9:30 Club, 815 V St. NW; Fri., 9 p.m., \$25; 202-265-0930. (U St.-Cardozo)*

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# Cars, Cabins & Malls

**The 1980s were a rad time for flicks grisly, grody or silly**

**FILM** | One dude's trash is another dude's treasure. And then sometimes, they are exactly the same thing.

How else to explain a movie like 1982's "Fast Times at Ridgemont High," the debut effort from Cameron Crowe? Spotty, nearly plotless and verging on exploitation, it's hardly the pinnacle of the filmmaker's art. And yet it remains endlessly rewatchable, a perfect way for AFI Silver Theatre to kick off "Totally Awesome: Films of the 1980s," which brought Boomers, X-ers and nostalgia buffs to Silver Spring last weekend.

Sean Penn would never again have as much fun as he did playing surfer waste case Jeff Spicoli, staggering into class bare-chested with a bagel sticking out of his jeans. For a throwaway teen romp, "Fast Times" boasts a wealth of future



**WE LOVE THE '80S:** Remembered as cheesy, the era spawned classics such as "Say Anything," "Evil Dead" and "Purple Rain."

stars: Jennifer Jason Leigh, Forest Whitaker, Judge Reinhold — and let's not get started about

the impeccable "acting talents" of Phoebe Cates. By 1983, blink-and-you'll-



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miss-him fry guy Nicolas Coppola had emerged as Nicolas Cage, making his entrance in

the "Ridgemont" cash-in "Valley Girl" as a slack-jawed Romeo silhouetted against the sky, uttering the era-defining opening line, "Whut?"

It was also the decade when to be young, horny and running around in the woods was a capital offense. Punishment is dished out in the brutally effective "Halloween" rip-off "Friday the 13th" by ... well, let's say no Voorhees family has named a kid "Jason" since.

July ends in a couple of musical disasters — one accidental, one intentional. What's your poison: ejaculating guitar or amp at 11? The only way to find out whether the Prince-starring vanity project "Purple Rain" is still as funny as Rob Reiner's faux documentary "This Is Spinal Tap" is to catch them back-to-back.

Toward mid-August, the series goes art-house with Terry Gilliam's dystopian tale of a dark future, "Brazil," and David Lynch's kinky thriller "Blue Velvet." But the festival wraps on a classic '80s low note — the shower-peeping sex comedy "Porky's." **GLENN DIXON**

→ **AFI Silver Theatre**, 8633 Colesville Road, Silver Spring; through Sept. 6, \$7.50-\$9.25; 301-495-6700. (Silver Spring)

# Giving Thrash a Longer Reach

**Testament leads legions in a metal cult of the many**

**MUSIC** | "I think I've always been into underground bands," says Chuck Billy, vocalist of the Bay-area thrash-metal band Testament. "And that's what I think we are now."

It is no secret that underground metal fans are extremely loyal. Testament fans, however, are a breed apart — they are often referred to as "Testament Legions" and will no doubt turn out in force for the band's Jaxx appearance on Sunday night. And they're ready: Shortly after Testament announced it had begun working on the follow-up to 1999's "The Gathering," fans on popular heavy-metal message boards began speculating about what the new album would sound like.



Testament stands out thanks to the supple vocals of frontman Chuck Billy, center.

Chances are it won't stray too far from the sound of "The Gathering." Despite numerous lineup changes, Testament's intensity and style have remained consistent throughout the

years — tight thrash-metal with brutal, tuned-down riffs, menacing leads and pulverizing drumming. Vocals are seldom the focal point of thrash-metal, a genre that thrives

on riffs and solos, but "The Gathering" demonstrated Billy's dynamic, intimidating voice and a range that sweeps from low growls to ominous melodiousness.

With his subtle variations in texture and tone, Billy expands thrash-metal's reach. "I always wait until all of the music is written and arranged to write my parts," he says. "But sometimes I'll try out some different things in the studio by singing a note or two over the songs while the guys play. I'll definitely be using some different [vocal] techniques again on the new album." Hurry up, guys; the Legions are waiting. **GREG RE**

→ **Jaxx**, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield; with *Division*, *Krass Judgment*, *Cutthroat Remedy*, *Absolute Vengeance*, Sun., 6:30 p.m., \$28; 703-569-5940, [jaxxroxx.com](http://jaxxroxx.com).

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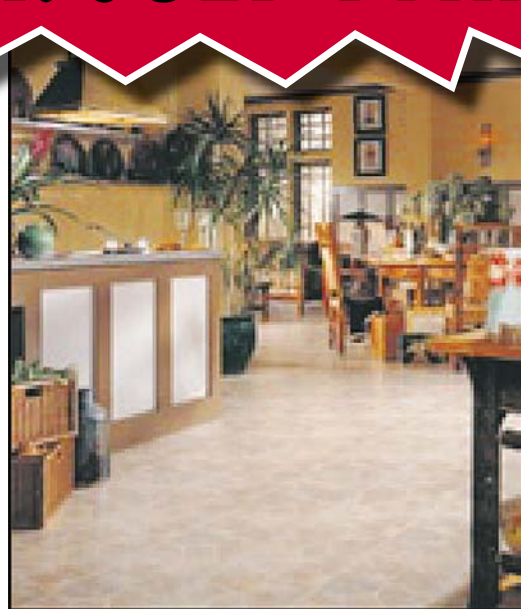
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# Dancing For Justice

**Hugh Masekela is one of South Africa's most valuable exports**

**MUSIC** | As a child, Hugh Masekela said his ambition was to "live inside the gramophone, so I could be with all those people in there."

But it wasn't just love of music that made the future trumpet player, flugelhornist and singer want to escape reality — it was the infamous South African apartheid system of government that was first put into place in 1948, when Masekela was 9 years old.

Masekela grew up to be one of his country's most famous jazz musicians and, later, world-fusion pioneers, incorporating indigenous musical styles, such as the hypnotic

and lilting mbaqanga, with improvisation and funk. But politics was always at the heart of Masekela's dancing jams.

"The general fabric of thinking of all South Africans has always been protest music because we've had 400 years of war," Masekela said. "In South Africa, we have very few songs about the weather or love."

But underpinning these fight songs were booty-friendly grooves. "Almost every band was a dance band, because dancing is a major part of our music," Masekela said.

"You can't do it without dancing — even when you're protesting. Dizzy [Gillespie] used to tell me, 'Man, you come from a nation of dancing fools. I want to be a part



**GOODWILL AMBASSADOR:** The singer, trumpet player and flugelhornist exported South Africa's rhythms as well as its painful truths during the apartheid era.

in that revolution."

But Masekela's political leanings, and the brutality of apartheid, forced him into exile in the early 1960s. Masekela remained away from South Africa until 1990, when Nelson Mandela was released from prison.

By the time apartheid ended in 1994, Masekela was recovering from a near lifetime of alcohol and drug abuse, recharging his creative batteries as well as his business developments in order to invest in the new South Africa.

One of those companies is the revitalization of his old record label, Chissa, which just licensed "Live at the Market Theatre," a disc of greatest hits, to Times Square Records in the U.S.

"A lot of money was put into destroying our culture and to impoverishing us and taking away our self-esteem," Masekela said. "We have to reclaim ownership of our culture, of our dignity, of our self-esteem."

CHRISTOPHER PORTER (EXPRESS)

→ Zanzibar, 700 Water St. SW; with Tosin, Sat., \$25-\$50, 8:30 p.m.; 202-554-9100, [www.zanzibar-otw.com](http://www.zanzibar-otw.com). (Waterfront-SEU)

## PHOTOGRAPHY | SHOTS THROUGH THE HEART



**THE INDECISIVE MOMENT:** Hyperrealist photographers Kerry Skarbakka and Marla Rutherford share Irvine Contemporary's gallery for one of the most arresting exhibitions of the year. Skarbakka's "The Struggle to Right Oneself" features the photographer in states of helpless torsion. Rutherford's sparkling C-prints recall fashion and fetish photography, advertising and performance art, evidenced by her "Abandoned Housewife," above.

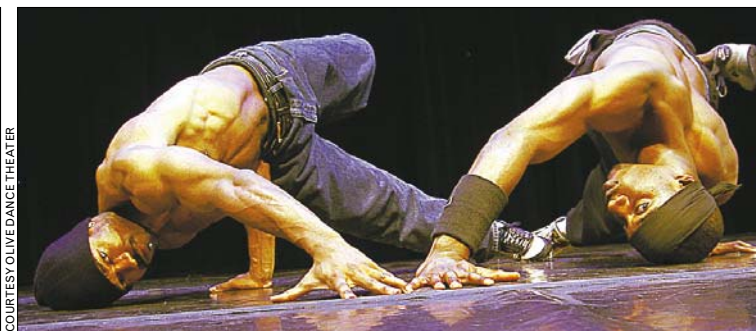
# Hip-Hop for Everyone

**At this festival, the art form takes the stage and the page**

**FESTIVAL** | Now in its sixth year, the Hip-Hop Theater Festival takes the art form beyond the rap show and music video and embraces plays, literature, spoken word and modern dance.

OK, one can safely argue that hip-hop is already spoken word and modern dance, but pieces such as Mason/Rhynes' "Jack Ya Body Dance" on Friday night at Dance Place and Sol y Soul's "The Other Side" on Saturday at Studio Theater will present these hip-hop facets in a decidedly more erudite fashion.

At noon on Thursday, writer and scholar Yvonne Bynoe will moderate a roundtable discussion, "Race & Class in the Hip-Hop Theater," at Flashpoint with distinguished



Olive Dance Theater performs break-dance magic at the Kennedy Center Thursday.

panelists Jared A. Ball, Head-Roc, Marcella Runell, David Dower and Quique Avilés.

"Hip-hop is almost whatever you make it," says rapper Jabari of the Hueman Prophets, who'll present "READ: White & Blue," a play about a white-collar author trying to connect with the character of a blue-collar T-shirt vendor. "Hip-hop now has become a retail and advertising mechanism," Jabari says. "At the same time, it still remains a very

grassroots, community art form.

"[The festival] gives hip-hop another phase of development that hasn't been totally commercialized," Jabari continues. "It gives hip-hop artists a chance to see a new way of doing things, because a lot of people just get stuck doing the same old thing." JOHN MURPH

→ Various sites and times; see [hiphoptheaterfest.com](http://hiphoptheaterfest.com) for complete schedule.



## WeekendPass



**GAME, SET, MATCH:** Robert Rauschenberg's "Open Score" begins with a strange, amplified tennis match and goes on to a menacing crowd scene and a gentle coda.

# Sporting Engineers

**A great mid-century artist gets technical with performance art**

**FILM** | A man and a woman approach a tennis net; a small crowd stands at each end. They begin to play.

There is something at once disturbing and loony about the game — or is it a performance? The male player looks a lot like artist Frank Stella. Each strike of the racket sounds like the deep tolling of a gong. At this sound, a light turns out, until the players are in darkness.

That's when it gets weird.

The first third of "Open Score," a seminal work of performance art by artist Robert Rauschenberg, does not prepare the viewer for what is to come. "Open Score," presented in its entirety along with a documentary about the work at the National Academy of Sciences on Thursday, was one in a series of 1966 artist-engineer collaborations called "9 Evenings: Theater & Engineering." Rauschenberg and Bell Labs research scientist Billy Klüver con-

ceived the technologically driven performances as a taste of the aesthetic future.

"Both of them shared their infinite possibilities and their impossibilities," says the artist, and that seems to be true. The engineers discuss their appreciation for the artists, not because they were doing something so strange, but because the "figuring out" aspect was not far from what tech guys do.

One commenter speaks of the "unknown and unknowable gestures" made by the crowd; an engineer discusses how they shot in darkness when that technology existed for only the military.

Their faith in the future and hope that art and technology can inform each other in beautiful and moving ways has and hasn't been borne out, and to witness the conception of this idea is a bittersweet wonder.

ARION BERGER (EXPRESS)

→ *National Academy of Sciences, 2100 C St. NW; Thu., reception 5-6 p.m., film 6-7:30 p.m., free, photo ID required; nationalacademies.org/arts.*

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# The Devil Wore Pink

**'Harry Potter' star Imelda Staunton stings with a smile**

**FLUFFY** | Don't be taken in by the pink cardigan. Or the doilies.

As characters go, Dolores Jane Umbridge — the prim Hogwarts High Inquisitor who simpers her way into the Harry Potter lexicon in J.K. Rowling's fifth book, "The Order of the Phoenix" — can out-Ratched Nurse Ratched. Indeed, Stephen King, who knows a thing or two about congenital evil, called her "the greatest make-believe vil-

lain since Hannibal Lecter."

"Holy shmoley!" exclaims Imelda Staunton, the London-based actress who plays Umbridge in the movie of the same name. Pronouncements by the overlord of horror have that effect on people — even staid British actresses of a certain age.

A successful stage actress whose on-screen resume includes "Vera Drake," for which she received an Oscar nomination, and "Shakespeare in Love," Staunton first heard about Umbridge from a friend who sped through the 2003 book and immediately thought of Staunton for Hogwarts' newest arrival.



**NEW BROOM:** Under that cape, Dolores Umbridge (Staunton, left) is hard as nails.

Dispatched to the wizarding school by the Ministry of Magic to micromanage headmaster Albus

Dumbledore and tamp down rumors of evil Lord Voldemort's ascendancy, Umbridge is compared

to a "large, pale toad," with a broad, flabby face, little neck and a wide, slack mouth. Her first name, presumably, is derived from the Latin word for pain.

"I'm perfect for it, apparently," Staunton deadpans.

Then again, she could hardly say no: Faced with her now-13-year-old daughter, who has read all of Rowling's books, "my life wouldn't be worth living."

Umbridge is a sort of Stepford wizard, from the delicate porcelain plates that hang in her relentlessly pink office to the velvet bow in her hair, which reminds Harry of a fly about to be caught. But the role turned out to be more complex than Staunton first thought.

"She's ludicrous in so many ways, and yet she has to be a threat," Staunton says of Umbridge, who is a parody of both the mindlessness and the treacherousness of government bureaucracy. "Treading that line between being funny yet complicated was difficult."

DENISE FLAIM (NEWSDAY)

## Take 10

THE WASHINGTON POST'S FILM CRITICS TACKLE THIS WEEK'S BOX-OFFICE TOP 10

### 1 Transformers

Before you dismiss this movie as toy porn for overgrown boys, consider this: Never was this goofy rap-ture explored with more fun. For non-Transformer heads, it's a wonderfully playful experience. **DESSON THOMSON**

### 2 Ratatouille

This is family-friendly filmmaking at its most appealing: fresh yet familiar, playfully mischievous but also subtly reassuring. **DESSON THOMSON**

### 3 Live Free or Die Hard

This sequel starring Bruce Willis seeks to remind viewers of the simple, nostalgic pleasures of watching stuff get blown up and bad guys get smoked. **ANN HORNADAY**

### 4 License to Wed

Tonal consistency isn't a problem with Robin Williams' uneven but occasionally funny comedy: If it's funny, light, dark, surrealistic, situational, blasphemous, sexual, slapsticky, it stays. **STEPHEN HUNTER**



**MORE THAN MEETS THE EYE:** "Transformers" is popcorn-action at its zippiest.

### 5 Evan Almighty

Director Tom Shadyac wastes time on I-hit-my-thumb stuff, animal humor and poop jokes. **STEPHEN HUNTER**

### 6 1408

Every beat of the film is weighted with significance, and our mounting dread becomes almost intolerable. **DESSON THOMSON**

### 7 Knocked Up

The first sex comedy about coping with its aftermath. It's rude, crude and outrageously funny — a sophisticated meditation on moral agency with pot jokes. **ANN HORNADAY**

### 8 Fantastic Four: The Rise of the Silver Surfer

Too much plot, not enough sense, no personality and all of it generic. **STEPHEN HUNTER**

### 9 Sicko

Michael Moore's investigation of a system choking on paperwork, greed and bad policy goals is a collection of anecdotes and stunts. **STEPHEN HUNTER**

### 10 Ocean's Thirteen

The third in a series of hipster capers finds the usual suspects doing their usual shtick in their usual venue, Las Vegas. **STEPHEN HUNTER**

## Indies&Arties

### A Time When Heroes Had Really Cool Names

Gregory Peck buckles a fine swash — or is that swashes a buckle? — as the titular hero in the 1951 action-adventure flick "Captain Horatio Hornblower." The thrill-a-minute Technicolor spectacle co-stars Virginia Mayo and is screening this Saturday thanks to the devoted archivist at Films on the Hill. → **CAPITOL HILL ARTS WORKSHOP, 545 7TH ST. SE; SAT., \$5, 7 P.M., 202-547-6839.**

### Al Pacino, All the Time

Because you haven't seen "Scarface" enough times, AFI Silver screens the gangster classic as part of its "AFI Life Achievement Award Tribute to Al Pacino." The bloody Brian De Palma film has its charms, but don't pass up the subtler delights of "Serpico" and "Dog Day Afternoon," two films with wonderful scripts and sterling performances from Pacino. The tribute continues through Sept. 3, so there will be plenty of other opportunities to catch Al in his iconic roles as cop ("Heat") and gangster ("Donnie Brasco"). And, yes, "The 'Godfather' movies are on the menu as well.

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### Silents Speak Up

As part of its "From Vault to Screen" series, the National Gallery of Art shows two Rudolph Valentino silents that have been meticulously reconstructed in a bravura act of artistic cut-and-paste. The first of Saturday's double bill is 1920's "Stolen Moments," co-starring opera singer Marguerite Namara. The second is "The Young Rajah," from 1922, rebuilt using stills and what little remained of one surviving 16mm print.

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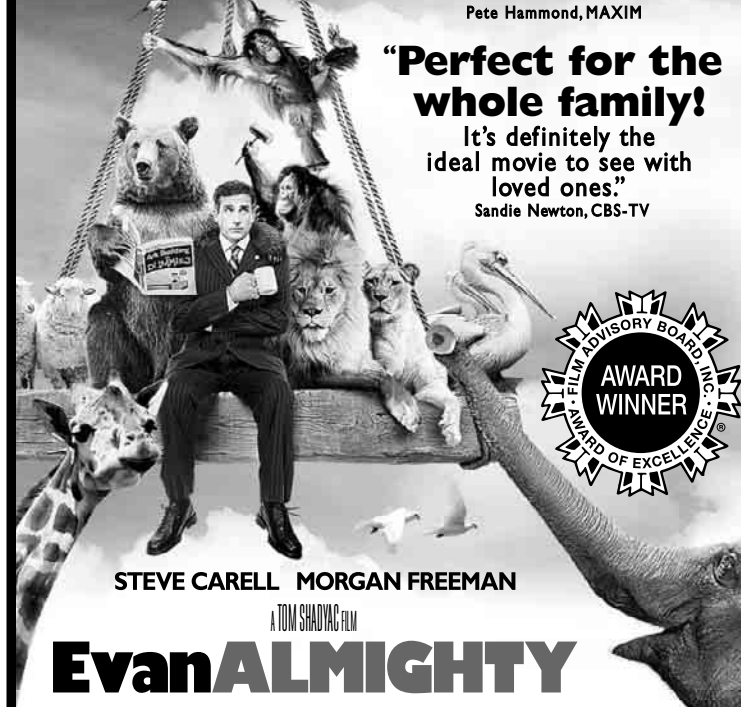
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Catatonia," '80s, hip-hop, soul, electronica with DJ DK, 10 p.m., free (Backstage).

**Blues Alley:** The Marcus Johnson Project, 8 & 10 p.m., \$25.

**Bohemian Caverns:** The Young Lions, 9 p.m., \$10-\$15.

**Carter Barron Amphitheatre:** NSO, 7:30 p.m., free.

**Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center:** William Kapell Piano Competition, 3 p.m., \$20.

**Crossroads:** "Carnival City" featuring Atlantik, Destra Garcia, 5 p.m., free before 7 p.m.

**DC9:** Liberation Dance Party, 9 p.m., \$5.

**Iota:** Shwa, the Bicycle Thieves, Todd Wright, 9:30 p.m., \$10.

**Jammin' Java:** The Sippy Cups, 10:30 a.m., \$12.50 for everyone over 1 year old. Face the Fish, the Vienna Youth Players, 8 p.m., \$10.

**Jaxx:** Love and Reverie, the Gear Up Landing, Auburn Road, Parade the Day, What a Great Audience, Avalon Inside Me, Split World Collision, Withered Harvest, Corner of Kings, What About This, 5:15 p.m., \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door.

**Kennedy Center, Millennium Stage:** Almost Recess, 6 p.m., free.

**Live on Woodrow Wilson Plaza:** Gordon Chambers, noon, free.

**Love:** Allen Iverson and friends, 9 p.m., \$12.50.

**Mirrors:** Lissen Band, 7 p.m., \$20 for men, ladies free before 8 p.m., \$15 after.

**9:30 Club:** Femi Kuti, 9:30 p.m., \$25.

**The Red & the Black:** Velvet, Sanhedron, Bionic Man, \$10.

**Rock and Roll Hotel:** Reform School: DJs Lil' E, ReddAJ, Kim & Sara of Pow

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**SOUL FOR THE PEOPLE:** Ellington Felton studied acting at Carnegie Mellon, and not for nothing. Whether it's poetry, singing, rapping or getting back to his college basics onstage, this local prime mover's ability to express emotion makes for soulful stuff. Felton grooves at the Black Cat on Thursday.

Wow and PeeGee spin '60s rock, '70s disco, '80s retro, '90s dance, alternative, hip-hop, new wave and punk, \$8 before 9:30 p.m., \$12 after.

**Twins Jazz:** Felicia Carter, 9 & 11 p.m., \$15.

**Velvet Lounge:** Black & White Jacksons, City Veins, Lights Resolve, 9 p.m., \$10.

**Zanzibar:** Fresh Fete Friday featuring 3 Canal, free before 8 p.m., \$20 after.

**→ SATURDAY**

**Apex:** Kristina Kelly and the Girls of Glamour, DJ Joey-O, VJ Steve Rosa, 9 p.m., \$9.

**Bangkok Blues:** Gina DeSimone, 7 p.m., Catfish Honeymoon, 8:45 p.m., \$5-\$10.

**Be Bar:** "Be: bad" (top 40 dance remixes) featuring DJ Shane Whoton, 9 p.m., \$5.

**Birchmere:** Jerry Jeff Walker & the

399-3201.

**Rock and Roll Hotel:** 1353 H St. NE; 202-388-7625.

**Smithsonian American Art Museum:** 8th and F streets NW; 202-633-1000.

**State Theatre:** 220 N. Washington St., Falls Church; 703-237-4508.

**Strathmore Music Center:** 5301 Tuckerman Lane, Bethesda; 301-581-5200.

**Twins Jazz:** 1344 U St. NW; 202-234-0072.

**Velvet Lounge:** 915 U St. NW; 202-462-3213.

**Warner Theatre:** 513 13th St. NW; 202-783-4000.

**Wolf Trap Filene Stage:** 1551 Trap Road, Vienna; 703-255-1868.

**Woodrow Wilson Plaza:** 801 K St. NW; myspace.com/nationalmusiccenter.

**Zanzibar:** 700 Water St. SW; 202-554-9100.

**Crossroads:** 4103 Baltimore Ave., Bladensburg, Md.; 301-927-1056.

**DC9:** 1940 9th St. NW; 202-483-5000.

**Iota Club & Café:** 2832 Wilson Blvd., Arlington; 703-522-8340.

**Jammin' Java:** 227 Maple Ave., Vienna; 703-255-1566.

**Jaxx:** 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield; 703-569-5940.

**Kennedy Center:** 2700 F St. NW; 800-444-1324.

**Love:** 1350 Okie St. NE; 202-636-9030.

**Merriweather Post Pavillion:** 10475 Little Patuxent Parkway, Columbia; 410-715-5550.

**Mirrors:** 33 New York Ave. NE; 202-326-0774.

**9:30 Club:** 815 V St. NW; 202-393-0930.

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**The Red & the Black:** 1212 H St. NE; 202-

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**Black Cat:** 1811 14th St. NW; 202-667-7960.

**Blues Alley:** 1073 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-337-4141.

**Bohemian Caverns:** 2001 11th St. NW; 202-299-0800.

**Carter Barron Amphitheatre:** 3545 Williamsburg Lane, NW; 202-426-0486.

**Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center:** Route 193 & Stadium Drive, College Park; 301-405-2787.

Gonzo Compadres, 7:30 p.m., \$55.

**Black Cat:** "Mousetrap," Britpop dance night, 9:30 p.m., \$10 (mainstage). Soul Call Paul, Mad Squirrel, 9:30 p.m., free (backstage).

**Blues Alley:** The Marcus Johnson Project, 8 & 10 p.m., \$25.

**Bohemian Caverns:** Tribute to My Mentors, 9 p.m., the Red Light Lounge featuring Macolm Jamal Warner, 11:55 p.m., \$12.

**Carter Barron Amphitheatre:** NSO, 7:30 p.m., free.

**Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center:** William Kapell Piano Competition, 3 p.m., \$20.

**Crossroads:** "Carnival Saturday" featuring Elephant Man, Massive B, Bobby

Konders. "Energy Saturday," 10 p.m., \$20, ladies free before 11 p.m. with pass from crossroadsclub.com.

**DC9:** Christian Seth, Michael Yugo, Jocelyn Arem, \$8.

**Iota:** Shane Hines and the Trance, Everyone but Pete, Sparky's Flaw, 9:30 p.m., \$11.

**Jammin' Java:** Struan Shields, 1 p.m., \$8.

**Jaxx:** Rites of Ash, Chrysalis, So Damn Thirsty, the Buried, the Automatics, the New Threat, Our Time, Convalescence, For the Taking, Dead Impulse, the New Threat, Our Time, 3:15 p.m., \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door.

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**KNOCKED UP (R)** 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30

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**EVENING (PG13)** 1:30, 4:10, 6:55, 9:50  
**SICKO (PG13)** 1:25, 4:25, 7:25, 10:15

### LOEWS GEORGETOWN 14

8111 K Street, N.W.  
202-342-6441

#### PRESENTED IN DIGITAL PROJECTION

**RATATOUILLE (G)** 2:35, 5:25, 8:15  
**HARRY POTTER AND THE ORDER OF THE PHOENIX (PG13)** ✓ 12:15, 1:00, 3:30, 4:15, 6:45, 7:30, 10:00, 10:45  
**LICENSE TO WED (PG13)** ✓ 12:50, 3:10, 5:30, 7:50, 10:15  
**TRANSFORMERS (PG13)** ✓ 12:30, 1:30, 3:40, 4:40, 7:00, 8:00, 10:20  
**RATATOUILLE (G)** 1:35, 4:25, 7:15, 10:05  
**RATATOUILLE (G)** 1:35, 4:25, 7:15, 10:05  
**LIVE FREE OR DIE HARD (PG13)** 4:20, 7:20, 10:25  
**1408 (PG13)** 12:20, 2:50, 5:20, 8:05, 10:30  
**OCEAN'S THIRTEEN (PG13)** 2:25, 5:15  
**KNOCKED UP (R)** 1:25, 4:35, 7:35, 10:35

#### AMC SELECT

**EVENING (PG13)** 1:40, 4:30, 7:25, 10:10  
**SICKO (PG13)** 12:40, 1:50, 3:35, 4:45, 6:30, 7:45, 9:30, 10:40

### LOEWS SHIRLINGTON 7

2772 South Randolph  
703-671-0910 801

#### AMC SELECT

**YOU KILL ME (R)** 2:20, 4:50, 7:50, 10:00  
**EVENING (PG13)** 1:30, 3:50, 7:10, 9:40  
**SICKO (PG13)** 2:10, 4:10, 4:40, 7:20, 9:30, 9:50  
**A MIGHTY HEART (R)** 1:20, 7:00  
**GOLDEN DOOR (PG13)** 1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 9:40  
**LA VIE EN ROSE (PG13)** 2:00, 5:00, 8:00  
**WAITRESS (PG13)** 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:20

### AMC POTOMAC MILLS 18

2700 Potomac Mills Circle, Ste 886  
703-998-4262

#### PRESENTED IN DIGITAL PROJECTION

**RATATOUILLE (G)** 1:15, 4:10, 7:00, 9:45  
**HARRY POTTER AND THE ORDER OF THE PHOENIX (PG13)** ✓ 12:15, 1:00, 1:45, 2:30, 3:30, 4:15, 5:00, 5:45, 6:45, 7:30, 8:15, 9:00, 10:00, 10:45  
**HARRY POTTER AND THE ORDER OF THE PHOENIX (PG13)** ✓ 12:15, 1:00, 1:45, 2:30, 3:30, 4:15, 5:00, 5:45, 6:45, 7:30, 8:15, 9:00, 10:00, 10:45  
**LICENSE TO WED (PG13)** ✓ 12:50, 3:10, 5:30, 7:50, 10:10  
**TRANSFORMERS (PG13)** ✓ 12:30, 1:20, 2:50, 3:40, 4:40, 6:10, 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 10:20  
**RATATOUILLE (G)** 2:00, 4:55, 7:40, 10:20  
**LIVE FREE OR DIE HARD (PG13)** 12:25, 1:10, 3:30, 4:20, 6:30, 7:30, 8:40, 10:25  
**1408 (PG13)** 12:00, 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 10:05  
**EVAN ALMIGHTY (PG)** 12:45, 3:15, 5:40, 8:10, 10:35  
**FANTASTIC FOUR: RISE OF THE SILVER SURFER (PG)** 1:50, 4:25, 6:55, 9:25  
**OCEAN'S THIRTEEN (PG13)** 2:15, 5:05, 7:55, 10:40  
**KNOCKED UP (R)** 7:35, 10:30

#### AMC SELECT

**EVENING (PG13)** 1:40, 4:30  
**SICKO (PG13)** 1:35, 4:35, 7:35, 10:25

### AMC COLUMBIA MALL 14

10300 Patuxent Parkway  
410-423-0520

#### PRESENTED IN DIGITAL PROJECTION

**RATATOUILLE (G)** 11:25, 2:25, 5:15, 8:05, 10:55  
**HARRY POTTER AND THE ORDER OF THE PHOENIX (PG13)** 10:00, 11:05, 12:10, 1:15, 2:20, 3:25, 4:30, 5:35, 6:40, 7:45, 8:50, 9:55, 11:00  
**LICENSE TO WED (PG13)** 10:55, 1:25, 3:50, 6:20, 8:45, 11:05  
**LICENSE TO WED (PG13)** 10:55, 1:25, 3:50, 6:20, 8:45, 11:05  
**TRANSFORMERS (PG13)** 11:40, 12:40, 2:55, 4:05, 6:10, 7:20, 9:30, 10:35  
**RATATOUILLE (G)** 10:05, 12:50, 3:40, 6:30, 9:20  
**LIVE FREE OR DIE HARD (PG13)** 10:40, 11:50, 1:40, 2:50, 4:40, 5:55, 7:35, 9:00, 10:30  
**1408 (PG13)** 12:30, 3:00, 5:25, 7:55, 10:20  
**EVAN ALMIGHTY (PG)** 10:10, 12:20, 2:35, 4:50  
**FANTASTIC FOUR: RISE OF THE SILVER SURFER (PG)** 10:10, 12:20, 2:35, 4:50  
**OCEAN'S THIRTEEN (PG13)** 1:45, 7:00  
**KNOCKED UP (R)** 7:10, 10:05

#### AMC SELECT

**SICKO (PG13)** 12:15, 3:10, 6:05, 9:05

### AMC SPRINGFIELD MALL 10

Loisdale and Franconia Road  
703-971-3991

**HARRY POTTER AND THE ORDER OF THE PHOENIX (PG13)** ✓ 12:20, 1:10, 3:30, 4:15, 6:45, 7:30, 10:00, 10:45  
**LICENSE TO WED (PG13)** ✓ 2:35, 5:20, 7:50  
**TRANSFORMERS (PG13)** ✓ 12:30, 1:20, 3:40, 4:40, 7:00, 8:00, 10:20  
**RATATOUILLE (G)** 2:00, 4:45, 7:20  
**LIVE FREE OR DIE HARD (PG13)** 2:15, 5:10, 8:00  
**1408 (PG13)** 2:25, 5:00, 7:30  
**EVAN ALMIGHTY (PG)** 2:45, 5:15, 7:45  
**FANTASTIC FOUR: RISE OF THE SILVER SURFER (PG)** 5:10, 7:25  
**SHREK THE THIRD (PG)** 2:30

### MAGIC JOHNSON CAPITAL CENTRE 12

800 Shopper's Way, Largo  
301-324-4220

**HARRY POTTER AND THE ORDER OF THE PHOENIX (PG13)** 12:20, 3:30, 6:45, 10:00  
**LICENSE TO WED (PG13)** 1:00, 3:15, 5:40, 8:10, 10:35  
**TRANSFORMERS (PG13)** 12:00, 12:50, 3:10, 4:00, 6:30, 7:20, 9:55, 10:35  
**RATATOUILLE (G)** 1:30, 4:25, 7:25, 10:20  
**LIVE FREE OR DIE HARD (PG13)** 12:55, 3:55, 6:55, 10:05  
**1408 (PG13)** 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 8:05, 10:30  
**EVAN ALMIGHTY (PG)** 12:35, 3:05, 5:30, 8:00, 10:15  
**FANTASTIC FOUR: RISE OF THE SILVER SURFER (PG)** 12:25, 1:50, 2:50, 4:20, 5:20, 6:50, 7:50, 9:20, 10:30  
**OCEAN'S THIRTEEN (PG13)** 1:40, 4:40, 7:40, 10:25  
**PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: AT WORLD'S END (PG13)** 6:40, 10:10  
**SHREK THE THIRD (PG)** 1:45, 4:10

### LOEWS UPTOWN 1

3426 Connecticut Avenue N.W.  
1-800-FANDANGO #713

**HARRY POTTER AND THE ORDER OF THE PHOENIX (PG13)** ✓ 12:00, 3:10, 6:30, 10:00

### AMC TYSONS CORNER 16

7850 Tysons Corner Center  
703-998-4262

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**RATATOUILLE (G)** 10:15, 1:10, 4:00, 6:45, 9:25  
**HARRY POTTER AND THE ORDER OF THE PHOENIX (PG13)** ✓ 10:00, 11:00, 12:00, 1:15, 2:25, 3:30, 4:40, 5:45, 7:00, 8:05, 9:10, 10:30, 11:30  
**LICENSE TO WED (PG13)** ✓ 10:10, 12:25, 2:45, 5:15, 7:35, 10:00  
**TRANSFORMERS (PG13)** ✓ 10:20, 12:05, 1:45, 3:20, 5:05, 7:05, 8:25, 10:20, 11:35  
**RATATOUILLE (G)** 11:35, 2:15, 5:10, 8:00, 10:45  
**LIVE FREE OR DIE HARD (PG13)** 10:05, 11:15, 1:05, 2:20, 4:05, 5:35, 7:10, 8:35, 10:10, 11:25  
**1408 (PG13)** 2:00, 4:25, 7:20, 9:50  
**EVAN ALMIGHTY (PG)** 10:10, 12:45, 3:10, 5:40, 8:10, 10:40  
**EVAN ALMIGHTY (PG)** 10:10, 12:45, 3:10, 5:40, 8:10, 10:40  
**FANTASTIC FOUR: RISE OF THE SILVER SURFER (PG)** 3:00  
**OCEAN'S THIRTEEN (PG13)** 10:25, 1:20, 4:20, 7:25, 10:15  
**KNOCKED UP (R)** 10:45, 1:50, 4:45, 7:50, 10:50

#### AMC SELECT

**EVENING (PG13)** 12:10 PM  
**SICKO (PG13)** 10:35, 1:40, 4:35, 7:30, 10:25

### AMC MAZZA GALLERIE

Jenifer and Wisconsin  
202-537-9553

**LICENSE TO WED (PG13)** ✓ 12:40, 2:50, 5:10, 7:40, 9:50  
**TRANSFORMERS (PG13)** ✓ 12:50, 4:00, 7:20, 10:30  
**RATATOUILLE (G)** 1:20, 4:20, 7:05, 9:40  
**LIVE FREE OR DIE HARD (PG13)** 1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 10:05  
**EVAN ALMIGHTY (PG)** 12:20, 5:00, 10:10  
**OCEAN'S THIRTEEN (PG13)** 1:00, 4:05, 7:00, 10:00  
**KNOCKED UP (R)** 7:30, 10:20  
**PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: AT WORLD'S END (PG13)** 12:30, 4:00

### AMC COURTHOUSE PLAZA 8

Courthouse and Birch Rd.  
703-998-4AMC

**LICENSE TO WED (PG13)** ✓ 12:10, 1:10, 2:30, 3:30, 4:45, 5:45, 7:10, 8:20, 9:30, 10:30  
**RATATOUILLE (G)** 12:00, 2:40, 5:30, 8:10, 10:45  
**LIVE FREE OR DIE HARD (PG13)** 1:15, 2:15, 4:00, 5:10, 7:00, 8:00, 10:30, 10:40  
**1408 (PG13)** 12:50, 3:00, 5:20, 7:40, 10:10  
**OCEAN'S THIRTEEN (PG13)** 1:30, 4:40, 7:30, 10:15  
**KNOCKED UP (R)** 1:00, 3:50, 6:50, 9:40

### LOEWS FAIRFAX SQUARE 8

8065 Leesburg Pike  
703-506-9857 802

**NANCY DREW (PG)** 12:20, 2:45, 5:00, 8:00  
**SURF'S UP (PG)** 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 7:00  
**KNOCKED UP (R)** 1:20, 4:10, 7:10  
**MR. BROOKS (R)** 1:20, 4:10, 7:10  
**SHREK THE THIRD (PG)** 12:30, 2:35, 5:10, 8:10  
**A MIGHTY HEART (R)** 12:15, 2:25, 4:50, 7:50  
**WAITRESS (PG13)** 12:00, 2:15, 4:30, 7:30  
**AVENUE MONTAIGNE (PG13)** 12:15, 2:25, 4:40, 7:40

### LOEWS DUPONT 5

1350 19th St.  
1-800-FANDANGO #711

**HARRY POTTER AND THE ORDER OF THE PHOENIX (PG13)** 12:45, 4:00, 7:15, 10:15  
**LICENSE TO WED (PG13)** 1:45, 4:45, 8:00, 10:30  
**OCEAN'S THIRTEEN (PG13)** 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:20  
**KNOCKED UP (R)** 1:15, 4:15, 7:00, 10:00

#### AMC SELECT

**EAGLE VS. SHARK (R)** 1:00, 3:00, 5:10, 7:45, 9:50

### LOEWS WHITE FLINT 5

North Bethesda  
1-800-FANDANGO #741

**HARRY POTTER AND THE ORDER OF THE PHOENIX (PG13)** 1:40, 4:35, 7:35, 10:35  
**TRANSFORMERS (PG13)** 2:00, 4:45, 7:20, 10:25  
**RATATOUILLE (G)** 2:00, 4:40, 7:15, 9:50  
**EVAN ALMIGHTY (PG)** 2:30, 5:00, 7:35, 10:10  
**OCEAN'S THIRTEEN (PG13)** 2:05, 4:35, 7:25, 10:05

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6:15, 7:15, 9:30, 10:20  
**TRANSFORMERS (PG-13)**  
(I) 12:00, 12:30, 3:00, 3:35,  
6:15, 7:15, 9:30, 10:20  
**RATATOUILLE (G)**  
(I) 12:00, 2:35, 5:15, 8:00, 10:40  
**LIVE FREE OR DIE HARD (PG-13)**  
(I) 12:30, 3:20, 7:00, 10:30  
**1408 (PG-13)**  
(I) 12:20, 3:00, 5:15, 8:00, 10:40  
**FANTASTIC FOUR: RISE OF THE SILVER SURFER (PG)**  
(I) 12:20, 2:40, 5:00, 7:30, 10:30

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SICKO (PG-13)  
1:30, 2:15, 4:15, 5:00, 7:00, 7:45, 9:45  
YOU KILL ME (R)  
2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 9:50  
EVENING (PG-13)  
1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 10:00  
LA VIE EN ROSE (PG-13)  
1:10, 4:00, 6:50, 9:40  
ONCE (R)  
2:00, 4:20, 6:45, 9:00  
A MIGHTY HEART (R)  
1:40, 4:30, 7:20, 9:55

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EVENING (PG-13) (5:00 @ \$6.00) 7:30

### MARLOW 6 THEATRES

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**HARRY POTTER AND THE ORDER OF THE PHOENIX (PG-13)**  
12:20, 3:05, 6:00, 8:45  
**TRANSFORMERS (PG-13)** 12:15, 1:15, 3:00, 4:00, 5:45, 6:45, 8:30, 9:30  
**RATATOUILLE (G)**  
12:05, 2:25, 4:50, 7:15, 9:40  
**LIVE FREE OR DIE HARD (PG-13)**  
12:00, 2:35, 5:10, 7:45, 10:15  
**1408 (PG-13)**  
12:10, 2:15, 4:25, 6:35, 8:45, 10:40

### P&G WESTFIELD MONTGOMERY

7101 Democracy Blvd. Beth. 301-767-9555  
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**HARRY POTTER AND THE ORDER OF THE PHOENIX (PG-13)**  
12:45, 3:45, 7:00  
**TRANSFORMERS (PG-13)** 1:00, 4:00, 7:00  
**RATATOUILLE (G)** 12:00, 2:20, 4:45, 7:20

### P&G WHEATON 11--

Westfield Wheaton Mall 301-949-9201  
301-949-9201 (I) denotes no passes  
All shows before 6pm \$6.00

**HARRY POTTER AND THE ORDER OF THE PHOENIX (PG-13)**  
(I) 1:00, 2:00, 4:00, 5:00, 7:00, 8:15  
**SICKO (PG-13)** (I) 2:15, 4:50, 7:30  
**TRANSFORMERS (PG-13)**  
(I) 1:00, 1:45, 4:00, 5:15, 7:00, 8:10  
**LICENSE TO WED (PG-13)**  
(I) 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:20  
**LIVE FREE OR DIE HARD (PG-13)**  
(I) 1:15, 4:15, 7:25  
**RATATOUILLE (G)** (I) 1:10, 4:30, 7:00  
**EVENING (PG-13)** (I) 2:10, 4:45, 7:10  
**1408 (PG-13)** (I) 2:00, 4:35, 7:40  
**FANTASTIC FOUR: RISE OF THE SILVER SURFER (PG)**  
(I) 1:25, 3:25, 5:25, 7:35

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Warren Christopher to Ann Coulter to local chefs stopping in for some red meat. Suede banquettes, throw pillows and a brown-on-brown color scheme warm up the interior.

Steak house devotees can likely recite the menu at the Prime Rib: clams casino (\$15.95), oysters Rockefeller (\$16.95), prime rib (\$43.95), steak au poivre (\$36.95), crab cakes (\$34.95). But ask BeLer about potato skins (\$7.95) and he'll tell a tale of how that side originated here.

At BLT Steak, customers can graze on chicken liver pate and a luscious, airy popover. Standout first courses include the lobster Cobb salad (\$23), tuna tartare served on an avocado slice with soy-lime dressing (\$16). Decadent diners may want to sample the Wagyu (\$55-\$92) and Kobe (\$26 an ounce). Sides include a smoky bacon succotash, blue cheese tater tots, grilled asparagus and parmesan gnocchi (\$8-\$10). (MELISSA MCCART)

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**Love:** Lucky Party casino night, 9 p.m., \$12.50.

**Merriweather Post Pavillion:** The Decemberists with the BSO, 8 p.m., \$40-\$75.

**9:30 Club:** Mos Def, 7 p.m., \$30. Blowoff with DJs Bob Mould & Richard Morel, 11:30 p.m., must be 21 to enter, \$12.

**Nissan Pavillion:** Toby Keith, Miranda Lambert, Flynnville Train, 7:30 p.m., \$38.77-\$74.

**The Red & the Black:** The Rats, Kung Fury, Octane Saints, \$8.

**Rock and Roll Hotel:** St. Vincent, Scout Niblett, 10:30 p.m., \$12.

**State Theatre:** Lez Zeppelin (tribute), 7 p.m., \$15, must be 18.

**Twins Jazz:** Felicia Carter, 9 & 11 p.m., \$15.

**Velvet Lounge:** Bastille Day show, Ra Ra Robespierre, the X-Husbands, 9 p.m., \$10.

**Warner Theatre:** Craig Ferguson, 7:30 p.m., \$36.50.

**Zanzibar:** Hugh Masekela, 8:30 & 11 p.m., \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door.

### → SUNDAY

**Bangkok Blues:** Ecuador Jazz Envoys, 5 p.m., Blues Jam with the Meteors, 8 p.m., free.

**Be Bar:** "Be: park," hip-hop, R&B, 9 p.m., \$5.

**Black Cat:** The Ambitions, Thee Lexington Arrows, Thee Minks, 9 p.m., \$8 (backstage).

**Blues Alley:** The Marcus Johnson Project, 8 & 10 p.m., \$25.

**Bohemian Caverns:** Ital Stew, 10 p.m., \$10-\$15.

**Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center:** William Kapell Piano Competition, 3 p.m., \$20.

**Crossroads:** Barrington Levy, 7 p.m.

**Iota:** Shane Alexander, Micah Dalton, 8:30 p.m., \$12.

**Jammin' Java:** Farmer Jason, 2 p.m., \$10 for everyone over 1 year old. Mountain Stage NewSong Contest, 7 p.m., \$12.

**Jaxx:** Testament, Divison, Krass Judgment, Absolute Vengeance, Cutthroat Remedy, 6:30 p.m., 21 and over only, \$25 in advance, \$28 at the door.

**Kennedy Center Concert Hall:** NSO Summer Music Institute Orchestra, 6 p.m., free.

**Kennedy Center Millennium Stage:** NSO Summer Music Institute Orchestra, 6 p.m., free.

**Mirrors:** Exquisite Band, 9 p.m., \$10.

**9:30 Club:** Marc Broussard's Soul Revue featuring Shannon McNally, 9:30 p.m., \$20.

### LIVE KIDS' MUSIC | HIP TO BE SMALL



**COLOR FIELD SCHOOL:** Children's entertainment has progressed far beyond the purple dinosaur. Kids'-music band the Sippy Cups draws its inspiration from the Ramones and Pink Floyd, and its pop-rock has as many hipster parents nodding along as it does ecstatic tots wiggling in the aisles. Check out this family-friendly fun at Jammin' Java on Friday.

**The Red & the Black:** Nadsat Fashion, House of Echo, the Jones Band, 7:30 p.m., \$5.

**Rock and Roll Hotel:** O Pioneers, the Max Levine Ensemble, Supreme Commander, the Twats, 6:30 p.m., \$12-\$14.

**Smithsonian American Art Museum:** The Basso Modern Duo, 3 p.m., free tickets available an hour before the performance.

**Velvet Lounge:** Jessica Pavone & Mary Halvorsen, Judith Berkson, Motreb, 9 p.m., \$10.

**Zanzibar:** DJs Sprang International, Hazard (soca, calypso & reggae), 3 p.m., free before 9 p.m., \$10 after.

## Sight

### LAST CHANCE Adamson Gallery:

"Pulp Fiction," computer-generated art based on narrative, with works by R. Crumb, Kiki Smith, Renee Stout and others, through July 14. 926 N St. NW; 202-232-0707.

**Addison/Ripley Fine Art:** "Perfect Competition," a group show of six female artists' work, through July 28. 1670 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-338-5180.

**American Art Museum and National Portrait Gallery:** "Great Britons: Treasures From the National Portrait Gallery, London," through Sept. 3. "Harry Benson: Being There," the photojournal-

ist's portraits of entertainers, athletes and world leaders, through Sept. 3. "The Prints of Sean Scully," a selection of 55 of the artist's block-motif works acquired by the museum in 2001, through Oct. 8. "Portraits of Sandra Day O'Connor," through Oct. 8. 8th & F streets NW; 202-633-1000, www.americanart.si.edu, www.npg.si.edu.

**LAST CHANCE American Institute**

**of Architecture:** "America's Favorite Architecture," through Fri. 1735 New York Ave. NW; 202-626-7300, aia.org.

**Anacostia Community Museum:** "Voices and Visions of Tha Bloc: An Exhibition by Ellis L. Marsalis III," story of an urban Baltimore neighborhood through photographs, through Aug. 12. 1901 Fort Place SE; 202-633-4870, anacostia.si.edu.

### MUSEUMS | SHAPED BY DESTINY



**THE HANDS OF A MASTER:** Desiderio da Settignano wasn't around for long, but this Florentine sculptor and stone artist had a marked influence on his peers and on subsequent generations of artists. The National Gallery of Art devotes an exhibit to many of his surviving works.





PETER VAN DE WATER

## Classical, but No Starch

➔ **MODERN CLASSICAL MUSIC** takes center stage as the D.C. chapter of the American Composers Forum holds a New Music Salon on Friday. The program includes Stephen Lilly's "Portrait in Song: A Song Cycle for Soprano and Piano," sung by Stacey Mastian (left); Michael Boyd's aleatoric (driven by chance) trio "Hand Leg Suit"; Leeds Barroll's "Chamber-Piece for Unaccompanied Cello" and Catherine McMichael's "Dog Chronicles" for soprano, clarinet, piano and flute. Fans of the new, the difficult and the eggheady, take note. 1700 Kalorama Road NW, Suite 101; Fri., 8 p.m., \$10; 301-715-3779, [composerforum.org/dc](http://composerforum.org/dc).

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## TheScene

**The Art League:** "Circus," mixed media paintings and three dimensional work by Bridget Walsh and Lisa Schumaier, through Aug. 6. 105 North Union St., Alexandria; 703-683-1780, [theartleague.org](http://theartleague.org).

**Arthur M. Sackler Gallery:** "Encompassing the Globe," the Smithsonian's exhibit on Portugal, which includes more than 250 artifacts, through Sept. 16. 1050 Independence Ave., SW; 202-633-1000, [asia.si.edu](http://asia.si.edu).

**Canadian Embassy Art Gallery:** "Our Home and Native Land," Michael Collection of Canadian masterpieces, through January. 501 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; 202-682-1740, [canadianembassy.org](http://canadianembassy.org).

**Civilian Art Projects:** "Megalopolis" and "At Stake and Rider," exhibits by artists Ken Ashton and Lily Cox-Richard portraying American images and myths, through July 20. 406 7th St., NW; 202-347-0022, [civilianartprojects.com](http://civilianartprojects.com).

**Conner Contemporary Art:** "Academy 2007," work by recent fine art graduates from Washington/Baltimore area programs, through Aug. 18. "The Kudzu Project," Matthew Sutton's installation of the voracious, fast-growing vine changes daily, through Aug. 1. 1730 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-588-8750, [connercontemporary.com](http://connercontemporary.com).

**Corcoran Gallery of Art:** "Masterpieces: European Art From the Collection," work of the past 100 years from French Impressionism, Dutch paintings, Italian Renaissance and British landscapes, through Sept. "Olga Hirshhorn Collects," selections from the permanent collection with

an emphasis on 20th-century American and European artists, ongoing. 500 17th St. NW; 202-639-1700, [corcoran.org](http://corcoran.org).

**LAST CHANCE Curator's Office:** "Drawing Obsessions," lines, marks, scratchings — the stuff of drawings. But is it narrative? Through Sat. 1515 14th Street, 2nd floor; [curatorsoffice.com](http://curatorsoffice.com).

**Dissident Display:** Studio, gallery and hangout space. 416 H St. NE; 202-332-

3346.

**The Dome in Rosslyn:** "Bodies ... the Exhibition," the touring display showcases a revolutionary preservation of human tissue, bones, muscles, nerves, blood vessels and organs, through Oct. 18. 1101 Wilson Blvd., Arlington; 800-263-4379.

**Dumbarton House:** "The Jewel of Georgetown: Dumbarton House Celebrates Seventy-Five Years," an exhibit

documenting the restoration of the building and gardens, through Dec. 29; \$5. 2715 Q St. NW; 202-337-2288, [dumbartonhouse.org](http://dumbartonhouse.org)

**Ellipse Arts Center:** "Transform/Nation: Contemporary Art of Iran and Its Diaspora," through Aug. 4. 4350 N. Fairfax Drive, Arlington; 703-228-7710, [arlingtonarts.org](http://arlingtonarts.org).

**The Embassy of Chile:** "Emprendiendo Vuelos," paintings by Maria Elena Naveillan, through July 31. 1732 Massachusetts Ave. NW; 202-530-4118, [embassyofchile.org](http://embassyofchile.org).

**Flashpoint:** "Valerie Huhn: Trace Evidence," the art of identity, through July 28. 916 G St. NW; 202-315-1310, [flashpointdc.org](http://flashpointdc.org).

**Folger Shakespeare Library:** "Shakespeare in American Life," depictions of how Shakespeare's works and legends have reflected the growth and culture of the United States, through Aug. 18. 201 East Capitol St. SE; 202-544-7077, [folger.edu](http://folger.edu).

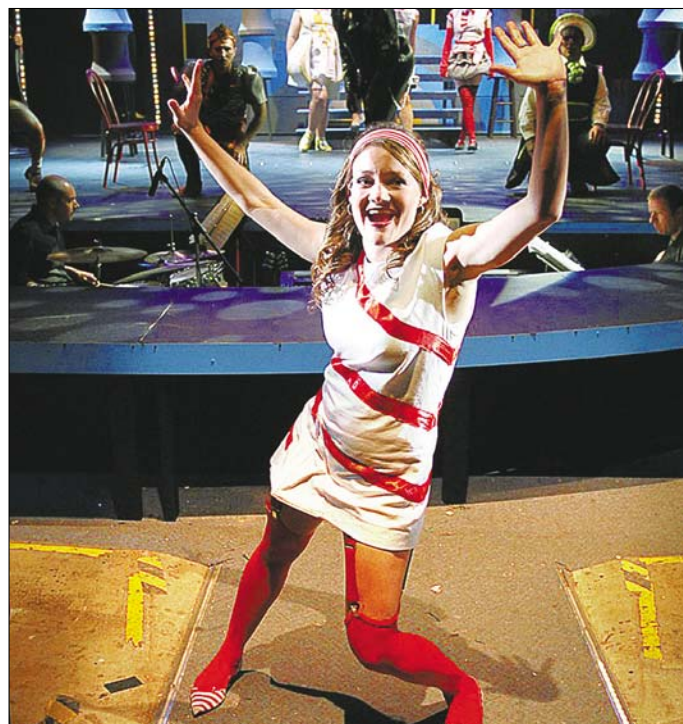
**LAST CHANCE Freer Gallery of Art:** "Tea Bowls in Bloom," through Sun. "Parades: Freer Ceramics Installed by Gwyn Hanssen Pigott," through Nov. 4. Jefferson Drive & 12th Street SW; 202-633-4880, [www.asia.si.edu](http://www.asia.si.edu).

**The Gallery:** "Zenith Gallery Presents: Washington Glass School Sixth Anniversary Show," work by artists, instructors and students, through Aug. 31. 1111 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; 202-783-2963, [zenithgallery.com](http://zenithgallery.com).

**Gallery Neptune:** "Soul Trace," paintings and sculptures by Elyse Harrison and Mark "Wireman" Coburn, through Aug. 18. 4901 Cordell Ave., Bethesda; 301-718-0809, [galleryneptune.com](http://galleryneptune.com).

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## STAGE | MAKE A JOYOUS NOISE



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**GOD IS, LIKE, SO GROOVY:** Sure, it's the Gospel according to St. Matthew, but "Godspell" is also a colorful, good-hearted rock musical that continues to live up to its sunshiny hippie ideals. The Olney Theatre Center mounts a production, with a cast of young professional actors, of this psychedelic Bible story that never seems to go out of style.

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GALLERIES | BACK-TO-BACK ART



COURTESY TRANSFORMER GALLERY

**ONE AT A TIME, PLEASE:** In "E4: Station to Station," Transformer Gallery presents a series of short individual exhibitions through Aug. 4, with works in mixed media, sound, video and conceptual installation. The star of this weekend is artist Caroline Mayorga, whose breezy-sounding "New Trends in South American Cuisine" brings together video, installation and performance art to explore ritual, migration, identity and the nature of war.

## TheScene

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**Gateway's Heliport Gallery:** "3 Roads Traveled," printmaking work of faculty and students from Montgomery College, through Aug. 24. 800I Kennett St., Silver Spring; 301-562-1400, [gatewaydc.com](http://gatewaydc.com).  
**H & F Fine Arts:** "A.B. Miner: Chimera," Miner's portraits on unusually small surfaces, opens Thurs., through Aug. 4. 331I Rhode Island Ave., Mount Rainier; 301-887-0080, [hffinearts.com](http://hffinearts.com).

**Hemphill Fine Arts:** "Mingering Mike: The Amazing Career of an Imaginary Soul Superstar"; "Tina Newberry: New Paintings," both through July 28. 1515 14th St. NW; 202-234-5607, [hemphillfinearts.com](http://hemphillfinearts.com).

**Hillyer Art Space:** "Renewal: Printmakers From the New Northern Ireland," through July 20. "Monica Tinker: Out of b[order]," walk into a life-size sketchbook in this exhibit of art made out of natural and man-made materials that play off the immediate surroundings, opens Fri., through Aug. 30. 9 Hillyer Court NW; 202-338-0680, [artsandartists.org/artspace/](http://artsandartists.org/artspace/).

**Hirshhorn Museum:** "Ways of Seeing:

John Baldessari Explores the Collection," Baldessari's installation unearths surprising works from the museum's holdings, through July 26. "Directions — Virgil Marti and Pae White" through July 29. "Wolfgang Tillmans," a major survey of the German artist's groundbreaking work in photography, video and installations, through Aug. 12. "Black Box: Takeshi Murata," digitally manipulated animation, through Sept. 9. 7th Street & Independence Avenue SW; 202-633-1000, [hirshhorn.org](http://hirshhorn.org).

**Honfleur Gallery:** "Anacostia Exposed," Irish photographer Mervyn Smyth's photographs of Anacostia, through July 28. 1241 Good Hope Road SE: [honfleurgallery.com](http://honfleurgallery.com).

**International Visions:** "Nestor Hernandez," Washingtonian photographer who passed away in May 2006, opens Sat., through Aug. 4. 2629 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-234-5112, [inter-visions.com](http://inter-visions.com).

**Irvine Contemporary:** "Kerry Skarbakka & Marla Rutherford: Re-Presenting the Portrait," hyperreal, performative photography, through Aug. 4. 1412 14th St. NW; 202-332-8767, [irvinecontemporary.com](http://irvinecontemporary.com).

**Jane Haslem Gallery:** "A Summer Salon," floor-to-ceiling paintings, through July 31. 2025 Hillyer Place, NW; 202-232-4644, [janehaslemgallery.com](http://janehaslemgallery.com).



## TheScene

**The Japan Information and Culture Center:** "Tokyo Girls Art Exhibition," an anime twist on traditional Japanese painting, through July 31. 1155 21st St. NW; 202-238-6949, embjapan.org.

**The Jerusalem Fund Gallery:** "Haddala and the Cartoons of Naju Al-Ali," the slain Palestinian cartoonist's scathing critiques, through Aug. 31. 2425 Virginia Ave. NW; 202-338-1958, thejerusalemfund.org/gallery.

**Kathleen Ewing Gallery:** "Tails of Art: A Survey of the Animal in Photography, Painting, Drawing and Sculpture," proceeds from sales benefit the Washington Animal Rescue League, through Aug. 31. 1767 P St. NW; 202-328-0955.

**Katzen Art Center:** "Made in America: The Washington Print Club 19th Biennial," a group exhibit, through July 24. "Jules Olitski: Late Sculpture," from the Cyclops series, through Aug. 19. 4400 Massachusetts Ave. NW; 202-885-1300.

**Kreeger Museum:** "Gene Davis: Interval," perhaps the most famous Color School artist's signature stripes, through July 31. 2401 Foxhall Road NW; 202-338-3552.

**Library of Congress:** "A Century of Creativity: The MacDowell Colony 1907-2007," music manuscripts and first editions from residents of this early American artists' colony, through Aug. 18. 101 1st St. SE; 202-707-8000, loc.gov/exhibits.

**Long View Gallery:** "Happy Anniversary Long View," review of arts shown in the past year, opens Sat., through Aug.

## GALLERIES | LOOK CLOSER



NATHANIEL ROGERS/COURTESY CONNER CONTEMPORARY

**GRADUATION DAY:** The class of 2007 struts its stuff at Conner Contemporary's "Academy" group show, and it is, as always, heady stuff. Painting, installation and video showcase the best the future of art has to offer in this wildly diverse, imaginative and entertaining exhibition. That's Nathaniel Rogers' deceptively sweet "Animal Lover," above.

4. 1302 9th St., NW; 202-232-4788, longviewgallery.com.

**Mansion at Strathmore:** "Colored Pencil Society of America 15th Annual International Juried Exhibition," representing almost 1,700 members, through Aug. 25. 10701 Rockville Pike, North Bethesda; 301-581-5200, strathmore.org.

**Marsha Mateyka Gallery:** "Sam Gilliam: New Work," the Washington artist's ongoing studies in abstract dimensional painting, through July 21. 2012 R St. NW; 202-328-0088, marshamateykgallery.com.

**Metropolis Fine Arts Gallery:** "Cycles, Elements and Spaces in Between," Roberto Bocci's interactive computer-driven installations on the outdoor sidewalk, 7 p.m., through July 29. 1520 14th St., NW; metropolis-dc.com.

**National Academy of Sciences:** "Speculative Data and the Creative Imaginary: Shared Visions Between Art and Technology," artwork representing computer and other technology-related experiences, through Aug. 24. 2100 C St. NW; 202-334-2415, nasonline.org.

**National Air and Space Museum:** "Treasures of American History," many of the National Museum of American History's choicest items — from Dorothy's ruby slippers to Jacqueline Kennedy's inaugural ball gown — find a temporary home, ongoing. 6th Street and Independence Avenue NW, 202-633-1000, www.nasm.si.edu.

**National Archives:** "School House to

White House," a family-friendly collection of photos and documents from the childhoods of U.S. presidents, through Jan. 1,

2008. "The Charters of Freedom," "A New World Is at Hand," "The Public Vaults," the Magna Carta and other treasures,

ongoing. Constitution Avenue between 7th & 9th streets NW; 202-357-5300, www.archives.gov.

**National Building Museum:** "David Macaulay: The Art of Drawing Architecture," drawings about architecture and engineering history, through Jan. 21. "The Green House: New Directions in Sustainable Architecture and Design," through June 30. "Reinventing the Globe: A Shakespearean Theater for the 21st Century," through Aug. 27. "Washington: Symbol and City," ongoing. "Cityscapes Revealed," highlights from the museum's permanent collection, ongoing. 401 F St. NW; 202-272-2448, nbm.org.

**National Gallery of Art:** "Desiderio da Settignano: Sculptor of Renaissance Florence," some of the few surviving works of da Settignano, through Oct. 8. "Claude Lorrain — The Painter as Draftsman: Drawings From the British Museum," through Aug. 12. "FOTO: Modernity in Central Europe, 1918-1945," through Sept. 3. "Fabulous Journeys and Faraway Places: Travels on Paper, 1450-1700," through Sept. 16. "Private Treasures: Four Centuries of European Master Drawings," through Sept. 16. "States and Variations: Prints by Jasper Johns," through Oct. 28. 600 Constitution Ave. NW; 202-289-3360, www.nga.gov.

**National Geographic Museum:**

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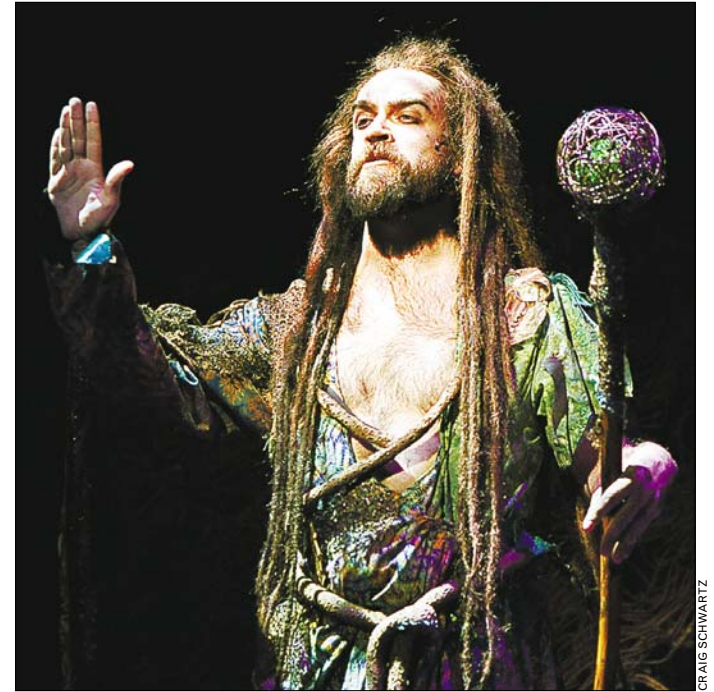
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**WHITE HAT:** Guess what, haters? Country star Toby Keith describes himself as a "conservative Democrat." And another thing: He's not going away. See him rock the flag at the Nissan Pavilion on Saturday.

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**STAGE** | KINGDOM COME


**ONCE THERE WAS A SPOT:** Michael York stars in Lerner & Loewe's ravishing musical "Camelot" at Wolf Trap. The tragic triangle of trusting King Arthur, unfaithful Guenevere and cocky super-knight Lancelot plays out through some of Broadway's best-loved songs, from comic ("C'est Moi") to romantic ("If I Would Ever Leave You") to brimming with hope ("Camelot").

## TheScene

*Continued from E23*

"National Geographic MAPS: Tools for Adventure," a kid-friendly interactive exhibit about maps, charts and navigation, through July 29. "Photo Camp 2006: Uganda," a powerful and moving series of photographs taken by young people, ages 12 to 20, of life in a Ugandan refugee camp, through Sept. 3. "Zakouma, Elephant Crisis in Chad," photographs by Michael Nichols show the extremes conservationists must go to in order to protect the last surviving Central African elephants from poachers. The exhibit is accompanied by eyewitness text from National Geographic Explorer-in-Residence J. Michael Fay, through Sept. 3. 17th and M streets NW; 202-857-7588.

**National Museum of African Art:** "African Vision: The Walt Disney-Tishman African Art Collection," through Sept. 7, 2008. "Resonance From the Past," African sculpture from the New Orleans Museum of Art, ongoing. "Body of Evidence," contemporary African artists use the body, ongoing. 950 Independence Ave. SW; 202-633-1000, [www.nmafa.si.edu](http://www.nmafa.si.edu).

**National Museum of the American Indian:** "Identity by Design: Tradition, Change and Celebration in Native

Women's Dresses" explores the cultural expressions and artistic identity woven into traditional dresses and accessories, through Jan. 2. 4th Street & Independence Avenue SW; 202-633-6985.

**National Museum of Women in the Arts:** "Italian Women Artists From Renaissance to Baroque," a collection of paintings, drawings and sculpture by such artists as Artemisia Gentileschi, Lavinia Fontana and Elisabetta Sirani, through July 15. "The National Museum of Women in the Arts at 20: Selections From the Archives," photographs, original posters and historical objects as well as paintings, through Dec. 1250 New York Ave. NW; 202-783-5000, [nmwa.org](http://nmwa.org).

**National Portrait Gallery:** "Portraits of Sandra Day O'Connor," images of the first female associate justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, through Oct. 8. "Portrait Now: Framing Memory," portraits of iconic figures, including Martin Luther King Jr., Frida Kahlo, Jacqueline Kennedy, Cesar Chavez and Josephine Baker, through Jan. 6. 8th and F streets NW; 202-633-1000. [npg.si.edu](http://npg.si.edu).

**National Postal Museum:** "Disaster: Response & Recovery," history of the Postal Service in securing lines of communication during disasters, ongoing. "Trailblazers & Trendsetters: The Art of the Stamp," through Oct. 3. 2 Massachusetts Ave. NE; 202-633-5500, [postalmuseum.si.edu](http://postalmuseum.si.edu).

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## TheScene

**Phillips Collection:** "American Impressionism: Paintings from the Phillips Collection," through Sept. 16. "Lyrical Color: Morris Louis, Gene Davis, Kenneth Noland and the Washington Color School," through July 29. 1600 21st St. NW; 800-551-7328, phillipscollection.org.

**Prada Gallery:** "La Revelacion," works by local artist Antonio Ugarte, through July 17. "Lou Stovall," Color Field works from the celebrated Washington artist; "Carmen Jabaloyes," both through July. 1030 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-342-0067, pradagallery.com.

**Project 4 Gallery:** "Building," photographs of an abandoned power station in Ireland and the story behind it, through July 28. 903 U St. NW; 202-232-4340, project4gallery.com.

**Renwick Gallery:** "From the Ground Up: Craft Invitational 2007," the Renwick hosts an eclectic and decidedly un-crafts-fair group of artists in glass, ceramics and paper, through July 22. 17th Street & Pennsylvania Avenue NW; 202-633-1000, americanart.si.edu

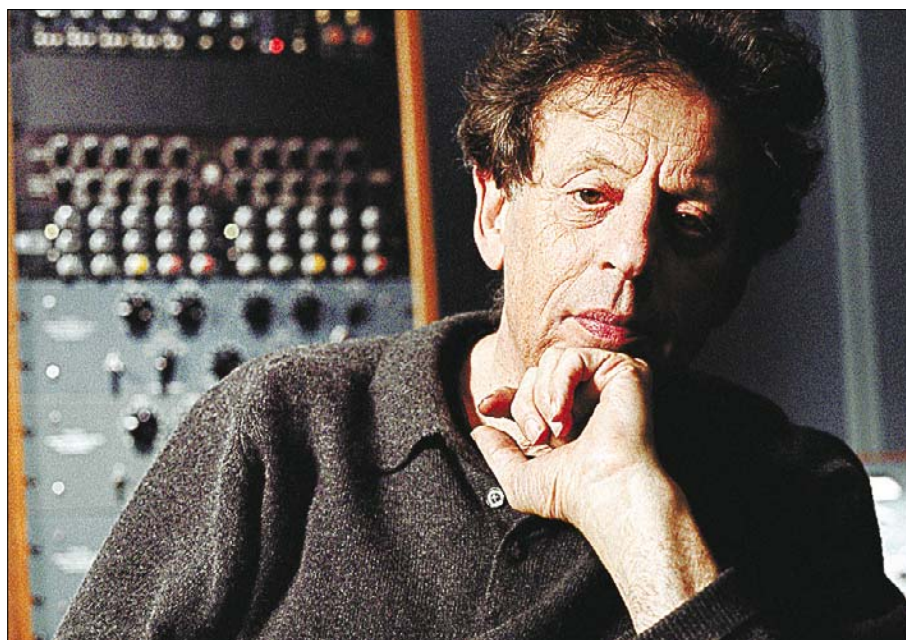
**LAST CHANCE Studio Gallery:** "New Artists Show," featuring Cynthia Jawitz-Brower, Suzanne Goldberg, Sue Lynch, Sophia McCrocklin, Suzanne Quinlan, Marilee Shapiro, Richard Suib, Brian Williams and Suzanne Yurdin, through July 14. 2108 R St. NW; 202-232-8734, studiogallerydc.com.

**Touchstone Gallery:** "My Space on 7th," arts display their own artwork in a non-juried display, through Aug. 4. 406 7th St. NW; 202-347-2787, touchstonegallery.com.

**Transformer:** "The Exercises," video, music and sound mixed media, conceptual installations, through Aug. 4. 1403 P St. NW; 202-483-1102, transformergallery.org.

**LAST CHANCE U.S. Botanic Garden:** "Double Take: Photography by Keith Sharp," silver gelatin prints, Garden Court and West Gallery, through July 8. "Patterns in Nature: Photographs by Amy Lamb," oversized color close-ups of plants, West Orangerie, through Sept. 9. "Celebrating America's Public Gardens," showcasing other botanic gardens from across the country, Conservatory Terrace and National Garden, through Oct. 8. "A Pepper for Every Pot," about the many new varieties of pepper plants, Plant Exploration room, through Nov. 11. 100 Maryland Ave. SW; 202-225-8333, usbg.gov.

**U.S. District Courthouse:** "Silk Is ...," Seventeen painters from Great Britain display their work, through Dec. 27. 6500



## The Keys to The Kingdom

➔ **THE CLARICE SMITH** Center hosts the 26th William Kapell International Piano Competition & Festival, a key-crazy celebration of all things upright and grand that runs through July 21. The competition is what most classical music fans come for. In between these nerve-wracking spells are discussions, presentations, a campus-wide "Grand Piano Party," scheduled breaks in the "piano lounge" and numerous performances by guests artists including Philip Glass, left, Ahmad Jamal, David Finckel and Wu Han. *University of Maryland, Route 193 & Stadium Drive, College Park; through July 21, events range from \$15-\$50; 301-405-2787, claricesmithcenter.umd.edu.* ARION BERGER (EXPRESS)

Cherrywood Lane, Greenbelt, Md.; 301-474-7347, silkpainters.org.

**LAST CHANCE Union Station:** "Titanic

— Built in Belfast, Northern Ireland," images and footage of the Titanic's time in Belfast, where it was made, through

### STAGE | PLANE TRUTHS



**YOU CAN'T GET THERE FROM HERE:** In "Valparaiso," a play based on Don DeLillo's scabrous novel, a man boards a plane and ends up way off course — in a place where the vapid media make stories out of nothing and apocalyptic events out of stories. Contemporary America, in other words. Forum Theatre & Dance brings a wry intelligence and sharp wit to this tale of media gone wild and their unwilling — and willing — subjects.

July 15. 40 Massachusetts Ave. NE; 202-371-9441, unionstationdc.com.

**LAST CHANCE United States Patent and Trademark Office:** "Shoes: Innovations at Your Feet," the history of shoe technology, through July 13. 600 Dulany St., Alexandria; 571-272-0095, uspto.gov.

**Warehouse Arts Complex:** "Art in Heat," the best of D.C.'s outsider, low-brow and pop surrealist artists, through Sept. 30. 1021 7th St. NW; 202-783-3933, artinheat.com.

**Washington Printmakers Gallery:** "Scratching the Surface," local Virginia artist DeCesare's relief prints, monotypes and monoprints, through July 29. 1732 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-332-7757, washingtonprintmakers.com.

**William W. Parker Gallery:** "9x10 Show #5," WPA/Corcoran artists display, opens Fri., through Aug. 10. 629 New York Ave. NW; 202-639-1737, wpaonline.org.

**WVSA ARTiculate Gallery:** "ART in Bloom," portraits of flowers by artists with disabilities, through Aug. 9. 1100 16th St. NW; 202-261-0233, wvsarts.org.

## Stage

**The Araboolies of Liberty Street:** A family that's way too fun shakes up a sedate block in this kids' show, through Aug. 12, \$10-\$20. Imagination Stage, 4908 Auburn Ave., Bethesda; 301-280-1660, imaginationstage.org.

**Birds:** The Rorschach Theatre presents this urban love story with twists of magic, through July 29, \$12-\$20. The Sanctuary Theatre in the Casa del Pueblo Methodist Church, 1459 Columbia Road NW; 202-452-5538, rorschachtheatre.com

**Brooklyn Boy:** In this comedy, a success-

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## The Stars We Are:

A look at films set in our fair city — geographically, politically and psychologically. | *Cover*

➔ Also, bluegrass icons the Country Gentlemen; a Beatrix Potter birthday party in Alexandria; Freedom Plaza's tango series.

ful author returns to his Brooklyn stomping grounds, through Aug. 5, \$25-\$46. Olney Theatre Center, 2001, Olney-Sandy Spring Road, Olney; 301-924-3400, olneytheatre.org.

**Camelot:** Love story about King Arthur,

Continued on E26



# WeekendPass | Entertainment

## TheScene

Continued from E25

Guenevere and Sir Lancelot, through Sun., \$18-\$68. Wolf Trap Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna; 877-965-3872, wolftrap.org.

### Children's Theater-in-the-Woods:

Morning performances for kids, on Tuesdays through Saturdays through Aug. 11, one show, \$5; two shows on the same day, \$8. Wolf Trap, Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna; 877-965-3872, wolf-trap.org.

### LAST CHANCE Dead Man's Cell

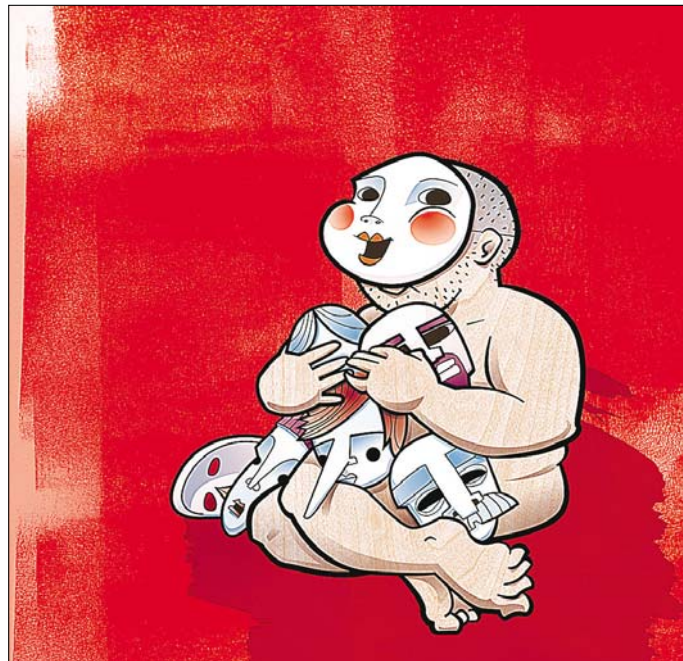
**Phone:** Playwright Sarah Ruhl posits a cell phone that transcends death and connects worlds, \$22-\$52, ages 25 and under \$10, through Sat. Woolly Mammoth Theatre, 641 D St. NW; 202-393-3939, woollymammoth.net.

### THIS WEEKEND ONLY D.C. Hip-Hop

**Theater Festival:** A local choreographers' showcase (Friday) and a sneak peak and open rehearsal by Holly Bass (Saturday) presented by the D.C. Commission on the Arts & Humanities and the Hip-Hop Theater Festival, \$7-\$20. Dance Place, 3225 8th St. NE; 202-269-1600, danceplace.org.

**Godspell:** The "hippie leotard musical" with long legs, through Aug. 5, \$18-\$46. Olney Theatre Center for the Arts, 2001

## GALLERIES | RED HOT



**WILD THINGS:** Emerging D.C. artists are good. Emerging D.C. artists doing politically incorrect, funny and risqué work are even better. Intrigued? The Warehouse Gallery's "Art in Heat!" show will be running throughout July. Go see this eclectic art show in all its air-conditioned glory, because after all, Washington weather is living up to the exhibit's name these days.

Olney-Sandy Spring Road, Olney; 301-924-3400, olneytheatre.org.

**Emergence-See!:** Daniel Beaty's one-man show about modern black life,

through July 22, \$38-\$50. Arena Stage, Kreeger Theater, 1101 6th St. SW; 202-448-3300, arenastage.org.

**SATURDAY ONLY Craig Ferguson:**

The Scottish actor-turned-late night comic (he's also a screenwriter, novelist and director) brings the funny — and that cute accent — to D.C., 7:30 p.m., \$36.50. Warner Theatre, 513 13th St. NW; 800-551-7328, warnertheatre.com.

**Hamlet:** Michael Kahn stages the Bard's timeless story as an audacious modern-dress production, through July 29. Shakespeare Theatre Company, 450 7th St. NW; 202-547-1122, shakespearetheatre.org.

**Hellzapoppin':** An improvised, ever-changing feat of comic chaos, this 1938 smash musical, for which there is no published script, gets a no-doubt nutty but long overdue revival, thanks to the American Century Theater, opens Sat., through Aug. 18, \$23-\$29. Theater II, Gunston Arts Center, 2700 Lang St., Arlington; 703-553-8782, americancentury.org.

**LAST CHANCE The Importance of Being Earnest:** Oscar Wilde's satirical comedy, through Sat., \$15-\$20. Theatre on the Run, 3700 S. Four Mile Run, Shirlington; 703-892-0202, arlingtonarts.org.

**SATURDAY ONLY Improvapalooza:** Washington Improv Theater keeps busy this summer with multiple events including this festival of making stuff up, 7 p.m., \$10. Source Theatre, 1835 14 St. NW; was hingtonimprovtheater.com.

**Inherit the Wind:** Drama by Jerome Lawrence and Robert E. Lee, Fridays and Saturdays, through July 21, \$10-\$15. Laurel

Mill Playhouse, 508 Main St., Laurel; 301-617-9906, laurelmillplayhouse.org.

**Iota Poetry Series:** Poetry readings, ongoing, second Sunday of every month, free. Iota, 2832 Wilson Blvd., Arlington; 703-522-8340, iotaclubandcafe.com.

**Macbeth:** Shakespeare's royal tragedy, through July 22, \$25-\$35. Clark Street Playhouse, 601 S. Clark St., Arlington; 703-418-4808.

**The Magical Balloon:** Paata and Irina Tsikurishvili's Synetic Theatre and the children's-theater company Classika have teamed up, and the results are a treat for both kids — who will love the movement-driven story of a traveling actor with a trunk of tricks — and adults, opens Sat., through Aug. 19, \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door. Classika Theatre, 4041 Campbell Ave., Arlington; 703-824-6200, classika.org.

**Myth:** Home of the D.C. Slam Team, ongoing, Sundays, \$5. Teatism, 400 8th St. NW; 202-638-6010, teatism.com.

**Never the Sinner:** This play explores the Leopold and Loeb murder case of the 1920s and all its psychosexual ramifications, through July 22, \$13-\$18. Silver Spring Stage, 10145 Colesville Road, Silver Spring; 301-593-6036, ssstage.org.

**Pangs of the Messiah:** The English-language world premiere of Motti Lerner's play about a family struggling with an Israeli-Palestinian peace accord, through July 22, \$15-\$45. District of

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**The Phantom of the Opera:** The Andrew Lloyd Webber extravaganza disguised as a musical, through Aug. 12, \$37-\$95. Kennedy Center, 2700 F St. NW; 202-467-4600, kennedy-center.org.

**Reefer Madness: The Musical:** Innocent teens tumble for Maryjane in this musical send-up of the cult exploitation movie, through Aug. 5, \$35-\$39. Studio Theatre, 1501 14th St. NW; 202-332-3300, studiotheatre.org.

**Rosencrantz & Guildenstern Are Dead:** Tom Stoppard's hilarious take on lesser known Shakespeare characters, through July 22, \$39-\$55. The Studio Theatre, 14th and P streets NW; 202-332-3300, studiotheatre.org.

**THIS WEEKEND ONLY Sheryl Underwood:** BET's favorite funny black conservative comic, through Sun., \$15-\$17. The Improv, 1130 Connecticut Ave., NW; 202-296-7008, dcimprov.com.

**Valparaiso:** Forum Theatre & Dance presents Don DeLillo's look at contemporary media and its effect on human life, through July 22, \$12-\$18. H St. Playhouse, 1365 H St. NE; 202-396-2125.

**Voices of a Changing Middle East: A Festival:** Readings, panels and performances about the Middle East today, through July 29, \$40. Theater

J, 1529 16th St. NW; 202-777-3230, theatrej.org.

**WEEKENDS ONLY WIT's Summer Run:** Washington Improv Theater presents different but cohesive configurations of its razor-sharp wits every weekend, Fri. & Sat., 8 & 9:30 p.m., \$12. Flashpoint's Mead Lab, 916 G St. NW; 202-315-1318, washingtonimprovtheatre.com.

**LAST CHANCE The Witches of Eastwick:** Three hexing housewives brew

up naughtiness in the musical based on John Updike's novel, through Sun., \$38-\$63. Signature Theatre, 4200 Campbell Ave., Arlington; 703-820-9771, sig-online.org.

**LAST CHANCE Yours Truly, Jack the Ripper:** A rock musical about the Victorian Age's most infamous unsolved murders, through Sun., \$15-\$18. D.C. Arts Center, 2438 18th St. NW; 202-462-7833, dcartscenter.org.

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